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GOVERNMENT NEEDS A HE-MAN, AND NOT A PUSSY-FOOT, MACHINE GUN MAKER SAID

Col. Isaac Lewis Described Difficulties in Getting Government to Accept His Gun, and Maker of Gun Criticized Business Methods of Ordnance Bureau's Business System as Lacking.

SEATED GOVERNOR HUNT.

By Associated Press.
Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 22.—The Arizona supreme court today seated W. P. Hunt as governor of Arizona. Hunt contested the election of Gov. Campbell, who now holds the office. Hunt is a Democrat.

NEWARK BISHOP 40 YEARS A PRIEST.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 22.—The Rt. Rev. John J. O'Connor, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Newark, today celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his ordination. It was on this date in 1877 that he was ordained in Rome, following the completion of his theological studies at the American College in that city. Prior to his elevation to the bishopric in 1901 he had for nearly twenty years filled the chair of philosophy and theology at Seton Hall Seminary.

MISS LOWDEN INTRODUCED.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—Miss Florence Lowden, daughter of the Governor of Illinois and Mrs. Frank O. Lowden, was formally presented to society at a tea given this afternoon at the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. George M. Pullman. The drawing-rooms of the great Prairie Avenue mansion were profusely decked with flowers, those sent with the congratulations of friends being the principal ornaments. Hundreds of guests from Chicago's highest social circles, with others from out of town, welcomed the debutante to society.

CHRISTMAS IN PALESTINE.

London, Dec. 22.—The recent capture of Beersheba, followed by the taking of Jerusalem, has a peculiar significance at this season, and many of the soldiers of the Allies in this district will recall, on Christmas morning, that they are only a few miles from the site of the barn where, 1917 years ago, Christ was born.

It gives one something of a shock to contrast the new Christmas with the old. Trenches, barbed wire and belching cannon do not tally with the picture of Palestine the mind usually conjures up at the Christmas season. A particularly incongruous note is struck by the report that already Beersheba has a motion picture theater, where Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford may be seen.

Beersheba is referred to in the Old Testament thirty-four times. The name is attributed to both Abraham and Isaac and means "well of the oath."

MAY BE NEXT CHIEF OF STAFF.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—In army circles just now speculation is rife as to whom will be named to succeed General Tasker H. Bliss as Chief of Staff, when General Bliss reaches the age for statutory retirement at the end of this month. One of those whose names are mentioned most frequently in connection with the post is Maj. Gen. John Biddle who has a long and distinguished military record. He is known as one of the ablest engineers in the United States Army, and was formerly president of the War College.

Michigan is General Biddle's native State, and he graduated from West Point. After the usual experience of apprenticeship with the army in the Western posts, he began to find his place near headquarters as a specialist, and when the Spanish-American war came he served as lieutenant-colonel and chief of engineers. Last year he had a brief term as superintendent of the United States Military Academy. Last summer he was appointed to the line and made a brigadier-general. He has been in France with the first American Expeditionary Force, and made a close study of conditions there. Only a little more than a month ago he was appointed assistant chief of staff, with the rank of major-general.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 22.—Col. Isaac Lewis, inventor of the Lewis machine gun, told the senate investigating committee the "whole story" of his efforts to get the war department to adopt his invention. He said he wanted to help the government, but that "I have been persecuted by the government."

Need a He-Man.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The government's reluctance to adopt the Lewis machine gun was described at length by E. E. Borie, manufacturing head of the Savage Arms Co., the American makers, testifying at the senate military committee investigation today of the shortage in army supplies. Mr. Borie criticized the ordnance bureau's business system, saying: "We ought to have a director of munitions, a big, broad-minded man, a he-man, not a pussy-foot, and until you do that you will never get anywhere."

Conspirators Sentenced.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.—Albert C. Kalschmidt, who with four others was convicted in the federal court today on conspiracy charges, was sentenced to four years in federal prison and fined \$20,000. Mrs. Ida Neef, his sister, was sentenced to three years in the local house of correction and fined \$15,000. Fritz Neef, her husband, and Carl Schmidt and his wife, Maria, were sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined \$10,000 each. Franz Bespa, aged 70 years, a German, was acquitted.

Stopped Code Communications.

Washington, Dec. 22.—An extensive traffic in written communications to Germany, Austria and northern European neutrals, involving the use of invisible ink and code systems, has been discovered and stopped by customs officials within the last few weeks, treasury department officials disclosed today.

Redistributed Shares.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Redistribution of shareholding of the Chicago stockyards company was begun as soon as the managers learned to the federal trade commission's coming investigation, testimony at the hearing showed today.

To Aid Farmers.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Baker has a plan to permit farmer boys in the country to return to their homes at periodic intervals to assist in crop production. He outlined it today to a delegation of New York farmers who protested against conditions created by the scarcity of labor.

TROTSKY DEFINED RUSSIAN PEACE AIM

**BOLSHEVIKI LEADER TOLD OF
CONTEMPLATED TREACHERY
TO GERMAN EMPEROR
AFTER ARMISTICE.**

By Associated Press.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, addressing the council of soldiers and workmen, declared that if the German emperor offered "offensive peace" terms, the Russians would fight against it. "We did not overthrow czarism to kneel before the kaiser," he cried, "but if through our exhaustion we had to accept the kaiser's terms we would do so, to rise with the German people against German militarism."

Cancelled Exequators.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 22.—A decree has been promulgated cancelling the exequators of Germans acting as consuls of neutral countries in Brazil.

CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—A great Christmas Carol Festival, for which preparations have been making for several months, was ushered in today with a mammoth street procession. The marchers included nearly 20,000 pupils of the Sunday schools of Philadelphia and the suburbs.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD.

London, Dec. 22.—At this season of the year, when millions of cards bearing Yuletide greetings are passing through the mails of all Christian countries, it is not without interest to recall the origin of this custom. According to the best authorities, the very first Christmas card was designed by the late W. A. Dobson, a member of the Royal Academy. Mr. Dobson was a very young man then—it is more than seventy years ago—and he sketched a family group toasting distant friends, surrounded by Christmas greenery, and sent it to a friend, who showed it to his acquaintances. The next year many brother artists copied the idea.

Then the business man saw money in it, and began to produce cards in large and ever larger number, until the production and sale and distribution of Christmas cards became a great international industry.

Before the war the larger part of the Christmas cards were produced by Germany and sold by the German printers and publishers in all parts of the world. During the past few years, since the beginning of hostilities in 1914, England has ceased to import the German cards and English firms are now turning out as attractive cards and at as low a price as those "Printed in Germany."

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL FOR "WARDS OF NATION."

New York, Dec. 21.—All preparations have been perfected for the great Christmas carnival for the children of American soldiers and sailors, to be opened in the Grand Central Palace tomorrow and continued for one week. Every child of a soldier or sailor who visits the carnival will be admitted free and will receive a gift. Thousands of boys and girls whose fathers have not gone to war will be the hosts of the special wards of the nation—the children of our fighting forces.

The carnival will be given under the auspices of the National League for Woman's Service. In the Grand Central Palace there will be towering Christmas trees, a merry-go-round, a miniature railroad with a real train, music, Punch and Judy shows, and an old-fashioned one-ring circus with an abundance of clowns.

directed against the consuls of Austria and Holland.

Raiding Parties Repulsed.

London, Dec. 22.—Today's official communication says: "Hostile raiding parties were repulsed during the night in the neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road east of Monchy-le-Preux and southeast of Arras. There is nothing further of special interest to report."

Lively Artillery Fighting.

Paris, Dec. 22.—There was lively artillery fighting last night in the region of Fayet near St. Quentin and in the Verdun region around Beaumont and Chaumes wood, and also in the Apremont sector, the war office announces. A successful raid was carried out by the French near Horonvillers in Champagne.

Krupp Plant Burning.

Maastricht, Holland, Dec. 21.—Workmen from Essen Germany say that the Krupp plant, the great German munition establishment, has been ablaze for 24 hours.

Italians Progressed Further.

Rome, Dec. 22.—Italian forces in the region of Monte Asolone, on the northern Italian front, yesterday progressed further after lively fighting, it is official announced.

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Admission 10c and 20c.
Tomorrow: Beautiful Olive Thomas in "INDISCREET CORIN" and "HAUNTED BY HIMSELF." Keystone comedy.

A NEW SCANDAL.

The evidence brought out in the investigation of the Chicago stockyards by the effect that the stockyards company had agreed to pay J. Ogden Armour all the company's earnings above 9 per cent "to keep him from moving the yards from Chicago and further west," indicates to what extent the sheep-like capitalists follow their leader over a fence.

Of course it is probable that Armour had a controlling interest in the stockyards, but what was to prevent the other stockholders from building new yards and taking charge of the Chicago business?

If such a thing were not possible, it illustrates the danger of the concentration of too much wealth in the hands of a single person or group. If Armour was able to thus dominate the company's interests and to demand the profits above a certain percentage, why could he not dominate the interests in Chicago, where much of his wealth is invested?

Chicago is the logical center of a great stock raising country. To the Chicago stock raisers come thousands of animals daily for slaughter and for conversion into a great part of the nation's food. If one man is powerful enough to dominate a great corporation to the extent of demanding the surplus profits as a bribe to keep him from transferring the company's business elsewhere, then it is readily comprehensible that he could also dictate the price the people should pay for a company's products.

The stockyards is the basis of all a great cunning and packing companies' business. Unless the cattle and hogs could be handled by the men who compose the packers' organizations, the latter would have to pay a large sum for their raw material.

As it is, the stockbuyers, the stockholders, the men who slaughter the cattle and hogs and the men who process the meat products for the people are one and the same. This is a dangerous combination, even though it is not in "restraint of trade" under Sherman law.

Of course there is always the fierce competition between the various concerns, which enables them to keep the consequences of a violation of the law. But this agreement to pay surplus profits to Armour demonstrates that the great as well as the packers were dominated by one man, which is in effect an illegal combination, no matter what the technicalities of the law may determine.

For some time it has been promised that the price of meat to the consumer will be reduced. Instead, it has been gradually increased, and not a single product of the great packing firms is cheaper today than it was in the war began.

The people are to pay the enormously increased taxes to support the government in time of war, it is right that they should not be made to pay higher prices for their food, especially when their wages go higher.

If such an illegal combination as mentioned in the evidence before the federal trade commission exists, it is time the officers of law were doing what they could to restrain it.

Naturally the stockholders in the large stockyards are not in the least for their health, to use the modern expression. And if they have had to turn over all profits of 9 per cent to one member of the company, it is only natural that they should seek to increase that per cent to as considerable an amount as they can.

It may be the real explanation of increased cost of meat and meat products. It may explain why we are paying more for meat than we were before the creation of the food distribution, which was to help the people pay for their food, as well as the government to prevent

what Mr. Armour's answer to charges will be is problematical. He decides to "bribe it out," and whose business it is when a "bribe agreement" is made between stockholders. But it is well for people to know what is causing higher prices for their daily steak and piece of liver.

THE GYPSIES.

Some time past Laredo has been visited with a swarm of gypsies, of whom were prohibited from entering the frontier into Mexico, and of whom remained by their own will.

It comes the word from the Mexican capital that all the gypsies in the country are to be forcibly deported back to the country. The question is, Where will they go? It is stated does not want to carry them to other countries; the central American countries are in love with them than this city or Mexico. Where will they

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countries, as well as in Persia, Armenia, Asiatic Turkey and Egypt. Their number was estimated in 1878 at 700,000, but it is probable that this number is now greatly exceeded.

The name given them in various European countries ascribes to them an Egyptian origin, from which we get the usually accepted English name of gypsy, but in his own language the gypsy calls himself Rom, "a man or husband." The resemblance of this word to the Egyptian word, "man," is probably one of the reasons for the common belief that the gypsies were of Egyptian origin, although they themselves deny it.

In Christian countries they have adapted the Christian belief to the older faith which they brought with them, and on a certain night in the year the French gypsies—and others from neighboring countries—assemble in the crypt of an ancient church dedicated to Mary in Egypt and perform certain rites which the outsider is not permitted to witness.

The men of the various gypsy tribes throughout the world have two distinctive trades—metal workers and horse trainers. In these two occupations they are expert, and when they add the business of horse trading to their other activities, they are among the most expert in the world. Many a man who has traded horses with a gypsy has found to his sorrow that the animal he received was always afflicted with some hidden defect which the craft of the gypsy was able to conceal until after the trade was made.

The women in this country devote themselves to fortune-telling, but in Europe many of them earn a comfortable living at the trade of painters' and sculptors' models. And wherever there is a gypsy camp there is a swarm of children, bearing witness to the fecundity of the race.

A mixture of tongues is their daily language, although most of them speak more or less fluently the ancient Gypsy tongue, the Romany. Much of the ancient "thieves' patter" common to the criminals of Europe was taken from the gypsy language.

Following their own customs, impatient of restraint, contemptuous of all law save that of their own tribes, the gypsies have always been looked upon as a menace. The vulgar belief that they steal children to raise them as gypsies is probably without any warrant, as they always have as many of their own as they can care for. There may have been an occasional case of kidnapping for revenge, such as Walter Scott tells of in his "Meg Merrilies" story, but as a rule the Gypsy does not take kindly to the children of another race.

The gypsies are credited with being petty thieves, and all the hen roosts in their neighborhood are usually guarded. But as a rule the gypsy does not readily take to a criminal path, although crimes of violence are reported, especially where their women folk are concerned.

A curious, mysterious race, with little known of their origin and nothing known of their inward thoughts, the gypsies move through the world like beings from another planet, alien to all whom they meet and resentful of any curiosity as their inner lives. They are of little use to any country in which they reside, even though they are not the menace that is usually believed of them.

The Ukrainians are determined not to let the Bolsheviks dominate them, no matter what they do to the rest of Russia. And if a sufficiently determined stand is made, it may result in the salvation of Russia.

TO REMEMBER LAREDO POOR CHILDREN CHRISTMAS DAY

Entertainment and Gift Distribution Will be Held at Lincoln Skating Rink During Morning Hours.

Many of the poor Mexican children of Laredo will be the beneficiaries of the people of the city on Christmas, when they will receive gifts during a Christmas entertainment and gift distribution at the Lincoln Skating Rink on Lincoln street, and hundreds of poor little waifs and other children whose parents are too poor to remember them at Christmastime will be given suitable presents consisting of clothing, toys, candies, etc.

The Christmas entertainment will be in charge of a committee of ladies headed by Miss Vicenta Ramon as chairman; Mrs. Maria S. Navarro as secretary, and Mrs. V. L. Puig as treasurer, and an effort is being made to have no deserving child overlooked. The entertainment and gift distribution will begin at 9 o'clock Christmas morning and continue until noon. During the time of the entertainment two piñatas donated by Mr. Toffe, manager of the skating rink, will be broken. All those desiring to help in this laudable undertaking and donate clothing that might help to keep the chill from some poor little boy, can send such donations to 915 Zaragoza street and the clothes will be distributed where they will do the most good.

Christmas Program at Methodist Church The Sunday School of the First Methodist Church will give a beautiful Christmas program on the night after Christmas, Dec. 26, entitled "Jesus' Birthday, and His Gifts." The offering will be for the Orphans Home.

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The Laredo Boys at Camp Bowie

Some Personal Notes Regarding What "Our Boys" Are Doing in Texas National Guard Camp at Fort Worth

By G. C. Arnoux, Special Correspondent for the Laredo Times.

With the Texas troops at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Dec. 18.—The Laredo men at Camp Bowie, in the midst of their preparations for the Christmas holiday period, are mourning the loss of one of their brothers in arms, who died on Monday afternoon, Lieutenant Albert E. Cousineau. Cousineau had just obtained his commission as an officer and was one of the most popular of the men of his organization. The Major of his battalion said of him Monday that Cousineau was a coming officer and one who would make his influence felt in the new army which Uncle Sam is weeding. The body was sent to Plainview Tuesday afternoon, where he has a sister.

After twenty-four days, the quarantine was raised at noon Tuesday, and the soldiers, overjoyed at being able to go to the city once more after nearly a month's confinement in camp crowded the car lines leading to town. The causes for the releasing of the camp from quarantine are contained in the report from the base hospital which in one day shows a decrease of 144 cases there, and a drop in a week of from 1,750 cases of illness to 1,450. It can now be said that the epidemic at Camp has been broken.

General Greble, commander of the camp, has determined that the men shall not be deprived of spending Christmas at home if he can prevent it. To many men it will be the last Christmas Day they will ever spend on earth, and he is mindful of this in the order made a few days ago allowing fifty per cent of every organization furloughs ranging from four to ten days in length. Captain Matson declared today that all the Laredo men who desire to go home may do so, so the only thing that remains in the question is that of finances.

The system that has been decided upon will allow three thousand men a day to leave camp for their homes beginning Thursday, December 20 until Christmas eve, when about 12,000 to 15,000 men will have departed. This was adopted because were all these men allowed to go at once it would absolutely swamp the ten roads out of this city.

Monday and Tuesday of this week have produced the most disagreeable weather that the camp has seen, with the exception of the two very cold snaps. The mist and fog has been so thick that it is hard to see 500 feet away, and the boys have had to wade through wet grass and damp ground for two days when on drill. It is odd, however, that less sickness has developed in this time than for some time past.

The epidemic of illness at Camp has demonstrated one rather striking fact, which is that, contrary to general impressions, it has been the city man, the man who has lived in a town of at least some size, who has been most able to stand the rigors of army life. Of the 181 men at Camp Bowie who have died since the first of last November, only a very small percentage of them have been from cities of 10,000 population or over, and one each only have died who came from Fort Worth and Houston, two of the largest cities in the state. San Antonio has lost not over three men from disease. Army surgeons place the explanation for this curious state of affairs on the diet. They say that men who come off farms have been fed foods which have not been balanced and have been sufficient only for their needs under natural environment, that it has sapped their powers of reserve and left them an easy prey

to the dangers of changed conditions. In this connection, he said that the men of Laredo, although they came from a southern into a northern portion of the state have had a very favorable health record, and Lieut. Cousineau has been the only man who has fallen before the toll of disease.

The Laredo men have now a full complement of four heavy army blankets, a heavy comfort furnished by the Red Cross society, a regulation overcoat, woolen clothes, and heavy underwear. According to supply sergeant George D. Hodges, who says that if the men suffer from the cold now, it is their own fault.

Sergeant Adam Bo'd, who was made acting first sergeant last week when Sergeant Cousineau was given his commission, has been given that office permanently and has added the diamond insignia to his three stripes on his arm. The man to fill his place has not been selected. In fact, there are twelve corporals and two mechanics still short to complete the full number assigned to the company. But the drafted men which should have been sent to the company have never arrived either, so the other non-commissioned officers have not been needed.

The company, as part of the regiment, was given general inspection last Saturday by Brigadier General Hutchings and Major Scott of the regular army. Some of the men went to cut wood after the inspection because they had failed to shave off their whiskers. Corporal Charles Woodul was one of this number, and as the Corporal has a beard not at all noted for its heaviness, he is wondering where Major Scott saw the hair on his face.

Captain Matson has put in for a leave of absence and expects to spend Christmas in Laredo. The captain has "amputated" his mustache, and when the correspondent first came into the orderly tent he began to talk to the Captain, thinking him a new officer assigned to the company, until he looked closely and then discovered it was Captain Matson. It is reported he has abandoned camouflage warfare in a hirsute way, preferring the old style open front.

The various schools of instruction will be over soon. Tom Guernsey, who has been studying the English drill system, will complete his course next Saturday, and then expects to start for home on his furlough. Corporal Dewey H. Simpson, also will finish up his course in the school of the automatic rifle the day before and also expects to go on to Laredo. The company was paid off on December 14 and most of the boys are "flush." Some of them who can charm the "bones" are flusher than others.

The training here, everybody believes, is now approaching its final stages, and after the holidays are over and the boys get back in January, anything may happen. It is not a wild guess to say that in thirty days Camp Bowie may be bare of garrison. The general estimate varies now between January 20 and February 25 with a few putting off the date of departure as late as next March.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—Quite a number of Laredo young men who are at either Camp Bowie or Camp Travis, as well as others from military camps elsewhere, are expected to be at home for Christmas, most of the boys reaching here on Monday to remain until Thursday, while others will remain until about New Year's.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas.

—Used Car Bargains—Studebaker, Dodge, Hupmobile, Ford—all first-class condition. RIO GRANDE BUICK COMPANY. 12-19-17.

—For board and rooms, home cooking, see Rom Horner. Phone 210.

—Several of the churches of the city are preparing special services and music for Christmas Day. Many of the churches will have large numbers of soldiers in the Christmas day congregations. It is possible that special Christmas services will be held at the camps and the Y. M. C. A. on that day.

—Our Bakery will be closed all day Christmas. Borchers. 12-21-17.

—Nabob tires, 6,000-mile guarantee, two extra layers of canvas, extra layer of rubber, all hand made. Citizens' Auto Co. 12-18-17.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother.

12-10-15.
—Air compressors; let your engine pump your tires. Made especially for Dodge cars. Put on in one minute. Let us show them to you. Citizens' Auto Co., corner Houston and Santa Maria. 12-18-17.

12-18-17.
—Ten more days of the deer hunting season, and with the end of the old year the time for killing the festive animal to provide a feast of venison will terminate. Many have secured their full quota of the delicious meat, while others have yet to get their share of that class of game.

—We will have all kinds of cakes on hand for Christmas, come early and avoid the rush. All orders given us to lay aside will have to be paid for as quite a number of people order and then fail to call for them. Borchers Bakery. 12-21-17.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Saltee. 11-23-17.

—For pure and beautiful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barthelow, No. 48. 9-15-17.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed. 8-11-17.

—In the district court this morning Judge Mullally granted a judgment for the plaintiff in the case of S. N. Johnson vs. C. Alvarez, suit on notes amounting to a total of \$1,931.10.

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—Next Tuesday is Christmas Day. Remember, if you have a supply of this world's goods and a little to spare you could do nothing more philanthropic and charitable than give to the poor. And what is grander than being able to extend a helping hand to the deserving poor at Christmas-time? The smile of appreciation alone is sufficient compensation for what you give.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county. 7-19-17.

—Citizens Auto Co., dealer in Dodge and Premier cars. An absolutely complete line of parts carried in stock here. Anything you need waiting for you. You don't have to wait for it. 12-18-17.

—Many a package addressed to soldier boys "somewhere" is going out of Laredo these days by mail or express. This may be the last Christmas for many of the boys, for they will soon be going "over there" to make the noble sacrifice for the dear old flag and the grand old country they love.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-17.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017. 6-20-17.

—The large number of questionnaires that have been mailed out has had the effect of getting the recipients busy filling them out. Many who received their blanks yesterday got up this great work in which Laredo has once more proven that she has her heart in the right place, and an accessible pocketbook for worthy causes. Make all checks payable to A. D. Smith, Secy. Treas., P. O. Box No. 4, or hand him the amount at his office, Room No. 1 Treviño building.

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Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

THE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN IS MEETING WITH SUCCESS

Committees Making Drive For 2,500 Membership Total in This City and County Feel Encouraged.

The committees in charge of the big drive for the Red Cross in Laredo are allowing no grass to grow under their feet in their efforts to reach the goal of 2,500 members here, the committees canvassing every section of the city and overlooking no one intentionally. The campaign will be prosecuted throughout the coming week and the committees feel certain that the 2,500 members of the local chapter of the Red Cross will have been secured in time.

There is not an American, or anyone in sympathy with the United States part in this war for justice and humanity, who will not enlist as a member and pay the one dollar which carries with it an annual membership, for they realize that in that way they are helping a worthy cause, for a more noble and patriotic organization can not be found in the cantonments or on the battlefields of Europe than the American Red Cross, which has thousands of physicians, surgeons, nurses and ambulances working among the sick and wounded soldiers to relieve the suffering that prevails. In the hospitals of France the Red Cross is doing a great service—and here at home the people can do their part by helping in the work of providing funds to continue that work.

12-21-17.
—Notice to Tax-payers. My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of City taxes for the year 1917. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m. D. C. de LACHICA, City Tax Collector. 12-4-17.

A Card of Thanks.

To all those kind friends who came to our assistance in the last illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Petty, and who sent floral tributes and assisted at the funeral, we desire to extend our heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude.

THE FAMILY.

SELLING CHRISTMAS SEALS AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING

Ladies in Charge of Sale in Postoffice Lobby Getting Liberal Response and Continue Their Work.

The committee of ladies who have established headquarters in the lobby of the postoffice section of the federal building for the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals are meeting with encouragement in their work, as many people who are at this time sending out Christmas packages by mail are reminded that the little seals should be on those packages and they purchase them liberally.

Those who do not have occasion to go to the postoffice and are in need of the seals can telephone Mrs. Puster, local chairman in charge of the sale of the seals this year in Laredo and they will be sent to those desiring them at a cost of one cent each.

A Warning.

The public is hereby warned that no firing of cannon crackers or fire arms will be tolerated during the holidays and anyone caught violating this warning will be arrested and severely dealt with.

M. BRENNAN, City Marshal. 12-15-17.

NOTICE OF BANKRUPT SALE.

Frank Pratt, Trustee in the estate of M. Kaufman, Bankrupt, will sell at private sale, for cash, ten days after date, in Laredo, Texas, in accord with and by virtue of an order of sale, issued by Jno. C. Scott, Referee in bankruptcy for the Southern District of Texas, said sale or sales being subject to the approval of the said Referee, the following property, to-wit:

(1) Stock of goods, classified as "Gents Furnishing." (2) Store fixtures, consisting of a small safe, of show cases, counters, tables, etc. Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 21, 1917.

12-21-107.

KINDLY SEND THEM IN.

As the time for closing the campaign of the Army Y. M. C. A. is at hand, and every body else is just busy as you are, the Committee will highly appreciate it if the good people who so cheerfully subscribed to the fund will kindly send or hand their contribution to the local treasurer and thus greatly facilitate in the winding up of this great work in which Laredo has once more proven that she has her heart in the right place, and an accessible pocketbook for worthy causes. Make all checks payable to A. D. Smith, Secy. Treas., P. O. Box No. 4, or hand him the amount at his office, Room No. 1 Treviño building.

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SPECIAL CAR WITH EXHIBIT ON THIS SIDE OF RIO GRANDE

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT PERMITTED CROSSING OF EXHIBIT CAR

Fine Specimens of High-Grade Corn Grown Scientifically by Mr. Dominguez Now Being Shown Here.

Zerferino Dominguez, the "corn king" of Mexico, who is to deliver an illustrated lecture on corn-growing by scientific methods at the Strand Theater tonight, yesterday made arrangements whereby he brought the demonstration car of the Mexican department of agriculture carrying his corn display to the American side.

The special car with the excellent exhibit of fine corn grown on the big plantation of Mr. Dominguez in Mexico was brought to Laredo yesterday afternoon and is now at the I. & G. N. station, where it will remain for a day or two longer. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of Laredo and Webb county by Mr. Dominguez to visit the special car with the corn exhibit and inspect the demonstration of agriculture carrying his corn display, and thereby ascertain the difference between corn-growing in a haphazard manner and where scientific methods are applied to agricultural pursuits.

When Mr. Dominguez was granted permission by the Carranza government yesterday to take the car from Nuevo Laredo to the American side of the Rio Grande, he immediately applied to the immigration and health officers for permission to have the car crossed to Laredo, and these officers him every possible courtesy and assistance to get the exhibit to Laredo. Laredo people interested in agricultural matters should visit the special car which is now at the I. & G. N. depot and closely inspect the various corn displays there. Mr. Dominguez will be on hand to explain his methods of corn planting, cultivating and harvesting and will give any other information desired, as he is much interested in corn-growing, which is both a hobby and profession with him, and he is willing to render any possible assistance to others in the way of information on how and what is best to be used in this industry.

FIFTY-THREE CARLOADS OF IMPORTATIONS CROSS OVER

Large Quantity Ixite and Lead Imports Today; Exportations Comparatively Light at This Time.

Importations through this port from Mexico this morning were unusually heavy for this time of the year, the aggregate importations amounting to a total of fifty-three carloads, divided as follows:

Three carloads of pasta, one carload of cotton seed oil, one carload of bones, one carload of copper, two carloads of jarica, eighteen carloads of ixite, seventeen carloads of lead and seven carloads of calamine. The exportation business at this time is unusually small in consequence of the requirement of a federal license which places a limit on the amount of goods permissible for exportation from this country.

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT HELD A SPECIAL SESSION

Received Reports of Road Workers and Attended to Other Special Business Coming Before Them. A special session of the commissioners' court of Webb county was convened at the county judge's office in this city yesterday afternoon, with Commissioner D. D. Davis presiding in the absence of County Judge Page.

The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of county road commissioners, sanitary work being done in the county and other matters demanding the attention of the commissioners.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued by Jno. C. Scott, Referee in Bankruptcy, in the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of Texas, I, trustee in the Matter of Samuel Alonzo Yates, Bankrupt, will sell for cash, subject to Referee's approval, the following described property at the highest obtainable price:

(1) A nine-tenths (9-10) interest of Delina Mine in Vallecillo District, in the State of Nuevo Leon, in the Republic of Mexico. (2) The claim of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in the suit of Yates vs. Texas Mexican Railroad Company, et al, which suit is now pending in the District Court of Webb County, Texas. (3) The one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150) judgment in the case of Yates vs. Pence, which case is now on appeal. (4) The one-half share or portion, owned by the bankrupt, in a certain judgment recovered by him for the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) against The International and Great Northern Railway Company.

DARIO SANCHEZ, Trustee of the Samuel Alonzo Yates Estate, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.

12-14-107.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

TIMES WANT ADS.

60000 Money Makers 00000

LITTLE LOCALS

—The Latin-American Club is getting everything in readiness for the dedication and grand opening of their handsome new home on the evening of New Year's Eve, when the members and their invited guests "will dance the old year out and the new year in" and have a grand time in the new club quarters. The furnishings are being installed in the new building.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas.

—Used Car Bargains—Studebaker, Dodge, Hupmobile, Ford—all first-class condition. RIO GRANDE BUICK COMPANY.

—The First State Bank & Trust Co. are preparing to open up business for the new year of 1918 in handsome and commodious new quarters at the corner of Lincoln street and San Agustín Avenue. On January 1 Lincoln street will become "Wall Street," with the First State Bank & Trust Co., the Laredo National Bank, the Merchants State Bank & Trust Co. and the Milmo National Bank all located on that street.

—For board and rooms, home cooking, see Rom Horner. Phone 210.

—Nabob tires, 6,000-mile guarantee, two extra layers of canvas, extra layer of rubber, all hand made. Citizens' Auto Co.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother.

—Air compressors; let your engine pump your tires. Made especially for Dodge cars. Put on in one minute. Let us show them to you. Citizens Auto Co., corner Houston and Santa Maria.

With two ranger companies in addition to the soldier patrols keeping a lookout on the border in this immediate vicinity, Mexican bandits will "shy clear" of the Rio Grande in this section. The rangers take a delight in hunting down and capturing the "bad men" and the "bad men" are afraid of Texas rangers.

—Am selling out at less than cost some silk dresses, evening dresses, waists and skirts. Through the courtesy of Messrs. J. K. Forbeck & Sons, I am showing these goods in their store. Mrs. J. Joesten.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Sallee.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barthelow, No. 48.

—City Garage, tel. 516. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed.

—See our beautiful line of seat covers for Dodge cars. Citizens Auto Co.

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—If you haven't joined the American Red Cross yet, do it now. Help the local chapter to increase its membership to 2,500 and thereby put Laredo in the place where it belongs.

Other cities are setting a goal and making good in getting the required number of members. What others can do so can Laredo.

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—What could be nicer and a source of greater pleasure and health than a Dodge car? Give your wife, mother or sister one for Christmas. See them on display. Citizens Auto Co., corner Houston and Santa Maria.

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—My store will be open every evening until 9 o'clock from now until Christmas Eve. L. Dalches, the Jeweler.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of HERBINE in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by all dealers.

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Editor of The Times:

By request of Aug. C. Richter, Chairman of the Farmers Association, I beg to submit a brief report on a conference about the grades of onions to prevail for the year 1918. Most of the onion growers are familiar with the past two seasons work of the Bureau of Markets in co-operation with the Farm Demonstration work, on the matter of getting all possible data on what would constitute workable and practical grades for onions, as the crops are grown in Texas.

By a recent Act of the Texas Legislature, effective January first, 1918, The Texas Commissioner of Agriculture is charged with the duty of promulgating certain standards of grades for fruits and vegetables as grown in Texas and offered in car lots. In line with that duty the Commissioner of Agriculture through his proper representatives began accumulating data for the purpose of acting intelligently about the matter of promulgating grades for the Texas Permea onion. In this connection, as Farm Demonstration of Webb County I made the request that no final decision be reached, or grades promulgated, until the data for the two years work by the Bureau of Markets of the U. S. Department of Agriculture could be summarized and tabulated and offered in evidence also, before reaching a final decision. Mr. Fred W. Davis, the Commissioner readily granted this request and was anxious to get all the information possible, in order that the final result would be the best that could be attained at present.

In line with this, just as soon as The Bureau of Markets had completed a review of the last season's data, a date for a conference was arranged at Austin for December 3rd and I was asked to become a member of that council. My trip was at the expense of the Farmers Association and this portion of the report is justly a part of the official record of the Webb County Farmers Association, and hence this report.

The efforts of the Bureau of Markets, as well as many of the States have been to standardize the use of names for grades, as well as the specific definitions of same. Hence to further co-operate it was the decision of the conference to abandon the use of the terms "fancy," "extra fancy," "choice," "ordinary choice," etc., and adhere to the use of the "Standard No. 1," "Standard No. 2," etc., and then the usage would be uniform all over the country and all shippers, and jobbers as well, would become familiar with the same terms and their meaning, instead of a confusion of terms and qualities. This will gradually result in a more satisfactory basis of handling all the Webb County products, especially that of the Bermuda onion. The Commissioner of Agriculture will now define officially what shall constitute these grades, standardized as agreed upon, and the quality and tolerances of each grade being well described, together with uniformity of names for the grades, and the entire buying, selling and jobbing trade will know what to expect and what they will get under each classification.

One of the other most important matters accepted in the consideration of grades for onions, was the theory of a "tolerance." It is well known that with the slight variations in the quality of the crop as a whole, on the various farms, as well as the variation in judgment and instruction of labor in making correct grades, that there is more or less variation which is practically unavoidable. For that reason technicalities have so often arisen in the matters of grades at destination, that the whole system was thrown into confusion and disrepute. To that end we have been working for the past two years, to determine what would be a fair range of allowance for off grade onions, as the crop is harvested, and yet maintain the general quality and requirement of the grades proposed. Our Commissioner of Agriculture appreciated the data on this line which had been determined, and the accepted range of tolerances in percentages of off onions which the past two years' scientific effort and study by the Bureau of Markets had developed. Hence every point of progress has been accepted and been utilized, and the work of this year will go right on from where it left off the past season. No time will be lost in the effort at standardization and much good will be accomplished by this year marketing of the crop.

As the Commissioner of Agriculture has prepared a Bulletin on these grades and promulgated them officially, it will not be opportune at this time to describe and define the grades ahead of this official order. But in a few days I shall have plenty of these circulars for distribution among the growers, and to begin the work of an organized effort along the lines indicated. All that should be noted at this time is that both the grower, as well as buyers and jobbers, should be careful to consider the requirements of the Texas law, effective January first, and make their contracts in line with the law, so that they may be enforceable and valid. I shall be glad to render further service in conferences with the growers as soon as the official promulgation order reaches me.

FRED W. MALLY,

Farm Demonstrator Webb Co.

Mrs. Maurice Hewlett, wife of the well known novelist, is the first woman to become head of an aeroplane factory in England.

SOCIETY

M. A. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.
The Red Cross Surgical Room will open at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
The Heights Red Cross Knitting Circle will meet with Mrs. T. A. Bunn at four o'clock in the afternoon.
Friday.
Reception at the High School from 3 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.
The Red Cross Surgical Room will be open at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, with Mrs. L. Nelson in charge.
The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 2 will hold their regular weekly meeting at the Public Library at 7 o'clock in the evening.
The Womens' Club will entertain with a program at the Army Y. M. C. A. in the evening.

The End of a Hoover Day.
(Sung to the tune of "A Perfect Day.")
I have come to the end of a meatless day,
And peacefully lying in bed,
My thoughts revert in a musing way
To the food which today I've been fed.

When I think of the cheese and the beans and fish
And oysters I've had to eat,
I've no regrets for the "good old days"
I really didn't miss the meat!

I have come to the end of a wheatless day,
I have eaten no cookies or pie,
I have had no bread that was made with wheat;

It was made out of corn or rye;
And I liked it so well, that when war is past
And a glorious victory won,
I'll keep on observing "wheatless" days

And I'll eat "corn pone" for fun!
—Oconto (Wis.) Enterprise.

General Mention.
Bessie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will W. Gregg, who has been seriously ill for some time past, is now on the road to complete recovery.

Arthur Werner returned today from San Antonio, where he is attending college, to spend the holidays with his parents.

Sam Johnson Jr. will arrive today to spend the holidays with his parents.

Will Austin has arrived to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. Randall Nye is among those who will spend Christmas in Laredo.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will not meet again until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Brown and Mrs. Frederick Gilbreath expect to leave tomorrow for Brownsville. They will make the trip in their car.

Edward Mullaly arrived from college this morning to spend the holidays.

Messrs. Atanacio and Refugio Bonavides arrived from college this morning to spend the holidays.

Mr. P. L. Thomas returned to San Antonio yesterday afternoon after a several days' visit to Mr. and Mrs. John Loftus at Dolores. Mr. Thomas is a brother-in-law of Mr. Loftus.

Martin Luther Witt of Marshall, Texas, will arrive in Laredo today to spend a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson, after which he will go to Dolores to spend the holidays with Master Wesley Loftus.

Announcements.

All members of the Honor Guard and especially those who belong to the Red Cross are urged to attend the rehearsal to be held at Elks Hall at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be no meetings of the Saturday afternoon Knitting Unit until further notice, on account of the numberless demands made on the members at this season, double work having been done the past week. A large box of finished articles went forward yesterday.

Nopales Camp Fire Girls.
The Nopales Camp Fire Girls met with Mrs. J. A. Burnett yesterday afternoon, and during the business session held, it was decided to give a box of oranges to the poor children on Christmas. It was also planned to have a hike. The members will meet this afternoon and call on the sick and take flowers and fruit. The hostesses served tamales and coffee at the conclusion of the meeting. There was a full attendance.

Entertained.
The Misses Mowry entertained very delightfully on Tuesday evening complimenting their house-guest, Miss Una Young of Brownsville. Cards and dancing were the amusements

provided for the entertainment of the guests. A delicious refreshment course was served at the close of the evening. Those who enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the occasion were: Miss Una Young, the honoree, and Misses Katherine MacGregor, Marguerite Nelson, Flossie Deutz, Maude McKnight, Ethel Mackin, Mesdames S. M. Barlow, Wilson, Whitley; Captains Schaefer, Rineason, Horn, Lieutenants Hanly, McDermitt, Vall, Keller, Mr. Barlow and the hostesses.

Red Cross Notes.
About 45 ladies were present at the Surgical Rooms yesterday. Mrs. Earnest was the leader for the afternoon's work and the largest amount that has been achieved in any one afternoon was the result of yesterday's efforts. It is hoped that at least one box of surgical supplies will be shipped from Laredo every week.

Don't forget the Christmas Carol rehearsal at Elks' Hall Friday at 3:30 o'clock. The Thirty-seventh Infantry Band will be at this rehearsal and a full attendance is desired.

Rev. C. W. Cook sent off a box of knitted articles yesterday containing: Sixty sweaters, 41 pairs of socks, 31 pairs of wristlets, 18 helmets and 23 mufflers. This box was the combined work of all the knitting circles, as well as a few private contributions. It was valued at more than \$800.00.

Dinner Dance.
The dinner dance at the Hamilton Hotel last evening was an enjoyable affair, although there were no special features. A seven-course dinner was served. The floral decorations were American Beauty roses. The following hosts and their guests were among those present:

Capt. Herr entertained Capt. and Mrs. Dwan, Capt. and Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Wheeler, Miss Leyendecker, Miss Wheatley, Capt. Shafer and Lieut. Finck.

Miss Carroll entertained Misses Ruth Murphy and Alice Denike, Capt. A. V. Rineason, Lieut. Chas. B. Kehoe and Lieut. McClure.

Mr. Henry Crumpler was host to Mrs. A. T. Baker (St. Louis), Mrs. L. L. Stoner, Mrs. W. T. Nesbitt, Mrs. A. D. Clarke, Miss Baker (St. Louis), Miss Dorothy Stoner (Victoria), Messrs. W. J. James Jr. and Meservey (Kansas City).

At other tables were: Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Jambers, Mr. and Mrs. L. Elder, Mr. Arnulfo Braniff, Dr. Rafael Rojas Loa, Mr. A. Farlas, Lieut. Jno. T. Murray, Miss Marguerite Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pelton, Mr. Jno. Shaw, Miss Ruth Simpson, Miss Beene, Messrs. Lloyd W. Stanton, M. L. Hanchett.

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Chamberlain's Tablets.
Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take which is important when must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

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THE UKRAINE HAS DEFIED THE BOLSHEVIKI AND SENDS NEGATIVE ANSWER TO DEMANDS

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Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

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By Associated Press.

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—The Rada, the governing body for the Ukraine, has sent a negative answer to the ultimatum of the people's commissaries of the Bolsheviki government.

To Offer Peace Proposals.
Petrograd, Dec. 19.—According to press reports, Russia has been informed by the Central powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the allies.

The Evening Post says that the Germans have officially informed the Bolsheviki that the Central powers are ready to consider the arrangement of peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, but pointed out that self-definition of nation was impracticable.

The ultimatum demands that the Ukrainians cease assisting General Ledines by sending him troops while forbidding the passage of the Bolsheviki. In case of refusal the Rada will be considered at war with the Bolsheviki.

Cossacks Occupy Junction.
Petrograd, Dec. 20.—Orenburg Cossacks opposing the Bolsheviki have occupied Tcheliabinsk, a junction on the trans-Siberian railroad, according to a report received by the Don.

Only Artillery Activity.
Paris, Dec. 20.—Moderate artillery activity prevailed along the French front last night. No infantry actions occurred.

Margin is Narrowing.
London, Dec. 20.—Seaking in the house of commons today, David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, said that the margin of losses at sea was narrowing. Sinking by submarines, he declared, was decreasing while shipping was increasing.

The premier said the sinking of submarines was increasing, although the merchant tonnage was down by 20 per cent. The loss had been only 6 per cent of imports over that of last year. Regarding the military situation, the premier said it was idle to pretend that hopes formed should have been realized. This disappointment, he attributed to the Russian collapse. A complete restoration of territories by the enemy, together with compensation, was demanded by the premier in explaining the government's war aims.

Italian Attacks Repulsed.
Berlin, Dec. 20.—Repeated Italian counter attacks against positions recently captured by Austro-Germans on Monte Pelica were repulsed yesterday. The German war office reports. Since December 11 the Teutons have captured nearly 9,000 prisoners.

British Casualties.
London, Dec. 18.—British casualties reported for the week ending today totalled 17,976 officers and men. Officers killed or died of wounds, 331; men, 3,181. Officers missing, 1,039; men, 13,425.

THE CAPTURE OF JERUSALEM.
Quietly, they 'proach the City, As with muffled guns they tread, Seeing Footprints of the Ages In the Relics of the Dead; Then the Turk goes forth forever From the Sacred, Holy scenes, Leaving Christians in the Vanguard, And we wonder what it means.

When we read this strange fulfillment; Hear the Message clear and soft Of the sainted ones in Glory; Hear the Master's sweet "How Oft!" When Jerusalem the Golden Looms against our war-torn sky; Then it is we stop and ponder, Asking "Is His Coming nigh?"

When we think of Moslem worship Through the centuries of the Past, When we read of cruel tortures, Turning Mind and Heart aghast; Then we think of OUR Redeemer Born in Beth'lem's lowly stall, Born SO near Jerusalem, Yet outside the sacred walls!

When we see this strange Transition From the Crescent to the Cross; When we read the Savior's Lifework, Maging Gain of what was Loss; Then we think of Christmas Martyrs Who for Him have left this Earth; And we bow in Adoration As we celebrate His Birth!

MRS. PAUL W. EVANS.
Laredo, Texas.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE.
From the fifth century this festival has been observed, and while we deplore the apostle's tardy acknowledgment of the reality of his Lord's resurrection, yet we admire his full, deep confession when once he is, through his Lord's magnanimity, convinced. So we pray that we may never need reproof because of recurring misgivings as to the Lord's reality. The life of Thomas shows that our Lord is patient with honest doubt and is ready to grant strong evidence to those who sincerely desire to believe. St. Thomas, according to tradition, worked in Parthia preaching and ministering after giving his life for the truth was burned at Edessa (key in Asia). His festival follows and there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Christ Church, 7:30 a. m.

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By Associated Press.
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A PATRIOTIC DEED.

Attorneys, as a rule, are not often accredited with altruistic motives, yet it is probable that they do as many deeds of charity—and talk as little about them—as any other class of citizens.

Which is suggested by the statement that the attorneys of Laredo have offered their services as a legal advisory board to aid the registrants under the selective draft law to properly fill out their questionnaires. This service is entirely without remuneration, save that which comes from the consciousness of a good deed well done.

The new document which the registrants have to fill out and swear to is a bulky thing. It has some fourteen sets of answers which have to be filled in, and only someone with a law education could indicate to the registrants, some of whom have very little education, how to properly answer the questions.

There is a penalty attached to false answers to the questions, yet the average man could not possibly know exactly what was demanded of him without expert aid. And some of the men who have been registered are densely ignorant, to say nothing of their illiteracy.

The lawyers will be very busy when the applicants for aid commence to come in, and it is probable that the time set for the return of the questionnaires will have to be extended. So many of the answers required are almost technical that no one without a knowledge of law could imagine what is required. Even the lawyers, it is likely, will be puzzled how to answer some of the questions for their volunteer clients.

This brings to mind more forcibly than ever the necessity for our having some such system as is in use in the European countries. We have drifted along without even birth registration in many states, and only of late years have any of the states discovered that it is as necessary to have a record of the children as it is to have a pedigree of the blooded cattle or hogs.

The French dossier is perhaps the best model for us to follow. It includes proof of a person's birth, his legitimacy, his nationality, the place and date of his birth, and many other things which would have greatly facilitated the draft had it been compulsory in this country during the past generation.

The Hebrews were the first to keep records of their births and consequently of their descent. When the Caesar ordered the census at the time of the Saviour's birth, it was an easy matter to verify the descent of every living person among the Jews, for the reason that the birth records had been rigidly kept for centuries. Even the humblest among them had proof of his ancestry.

The Arabs to this day keep the pedigree of their horses, the records extending back to hundreds of years before the Christian era. Other countries have been proud of their equine records, and even Kentucky, to mention one of our own states, can trace the descent of a Morgan or a Hambletonian horse further back than the records of some of her distinguished citizens.

In future it may be possible for our conscription to work little hardship on the officials for the reason that every boy or girl born in this country will be as carefully registered as the new litter of pure-bred Poland-Chinas or Jersey-Durocs.

A great many of our immigrants can show their birth records, which is more than most of our native-born Americans can do. This greatly facilitates the investigation as to age, nationality, etc., and would have been of incalculable advantage to our exemption boards during the past summer.

As Gen. Crowder said the other day, the present questionnaires will give us the records of some ten millions of our citizens or residents. But what about the other ninety millions? Are they to be classed as mongrels because our laws do not demand the record of their birth and its place and date?

Let our solons in Washington give further cause of gratitude by passing laws which will require registration of every person in the country, "regardless of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

LAGGARDS IN SCHOOL.

Under the above caption, L. C. Crampton of the Department of Education of the University of Texas says that more than 63 per cent of the children enrolled in the schools of Texas in 1915-16 were at least one year behind the grade to which they were normally entitled by age, and add the startling declaration that "Laggards in school have cost the state more than \$25,000,000 for teachers alone."

He pointed out that the main cause of this retardation was poor attendance and poor teaching in a school system in which the curriculum was too much of the rigid, or "look step" type.

A significant statement was that "In a great many schools if a pupil is not able to make a grade of seventy in arithmetic in the seventh grade he will remain in that grade until he makes a grade of ninety to a hundred in the eighth subject. In such a school the curriculum is regarded as sacred and the good of the considered. The child is

made for the course of study and not the course of study for the child."

This is one of the main faults of our system. The school course is made into a Prætorian bed and the children are made to fit it. Those who fall in some particular part study are dropped back, while those who manage to pass and thereby gain the teachers' approval are forced ahead, regardless of what they really know.

Education, after all is said and done, is not the memorizing of a lot of hard and fast rules; it is not merely the rote knowledge which can be taught an intelligent parrot.

There are educated people in this country of ours who cannot recite the multiplication tables and who could not to save their lives give a single date in history. They may not be able to pass the requirements for graduation from the fifth to the sixth grade, but they are more truly educated than many university students.

As Mr. Crampton points out, the standard in many of the schools is the fitting of the pupils for entrance into the university. It is probable that not one in every hundred of the average Texas pupils will ever reach the university, while not one in ten ever even completes the high school course.

It is evident, then, that the average pupil should be taught things which will be of use to him when he leaves school and goes out to earn his living. He should not be required to follow a hard and fast course simply because others find that course satisfactory and agreeable.

There are some people who will never learn arithmetic. There are others to whom the mysteries of science are a sealed book which they have not the means of opening. Others are unable to learn—or to retain—any facts concerning history or geography, while still others will never learn to express themselves lucidly in writing.

There are few all round scholars, as any teacher can testify. Some manage to "make their grades" and that it is all, while others cannot get enough work to keep them busy.

The curriculum should be largely selective. Some children have a natural aptitude for mechanics, while others turn naturally to mathematics or literature. All these things should be studied by the pedagogues, and the result would be fewer laggards in school, and fewer laggards in the race of life in later years.

It is coming to be more and more recognized that the selective course is the best solution of the problem in the higher institutions of learning, and there is no reason why some form of this system should not be adopted in the lower grades.

Many parents are also to blame in selecting the studies which they desire their children to follow. A boy who is picked out by his fond mother for a preacher or a lawyer is not always possessed of the aptitude for those callings. And the teacher is the better guide as to the studies for each child, where any form of selection is permitted by the curriculum.

Those two Mexicans who hanged themselves rather than let the law do it three days later were determined to cheat the law. They lived lawless, and in the manner of their death they violated the law. Some men are determined in their opposition to all law and order.

Let us hope that the reports will soon show that England controls Palestine from Dan to Beersheba, as she does Great Britain from John o' Groats to Land's End. The natives will be better off, even if some Russian Bolshevik Jew attempts to start a new disturbance.

A SMALL CROWD AT LECTURE BY THE MEXICAN CORN KING

Short Notice Given of Lecture at the Royal Theater This Morning by Mr. Dominguez Attracts Only Few.

Owing to the short time which elapsed between the date of announcing the lecture on the methods of growing corn, by the "Corn King" of Mexico, Señor Zeferino Dominguez, and the time of the delivery at the Royal Theatre today, the attendance was by no means what it should have been, or even what it would have been under ordinary circumstances, with more time for the date of the lecture to become known to the growers of Webb county.

Through a misunderstanding no arrangements were made for the showing of the films, illustrating the lecture, and so Mr. Dominguez gave a short talk which was much appreciated. A later date will be set for a more general attendance of all those in the county who ought to be interested in hearing this great authority discuss so important a subject at this time.

It is hoped that Mr. Dominguez will be able to remain in this district long enough, so that a good full meeting of all the growers can be gotten together. His disposition to give the Laredo growers the benefit of the experience he has in Mexico, without cost to them, is certainly commendable, and is duly appreciated by all those who are making an effort to advance the agricultural interests of the county.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2796 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Eduardo Vasquez is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Eduardo Vasquez on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$98.60 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Block No. 237 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.
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More than 800,000 British women are now engaged in munition manufacturing.

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NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

DECEMBER 19.
Henry Clay Frick, who is to give the city of Salem, Mass., a bronze statue of Joseph H. Choate, the famous wit, jurist and diplomat, was born at Overton, Pa., 68 years ago today. Mr. Frick is a multi-millionaire Pennsylvanian, whose name is likely to be associated indefinitely with the creation of the coke industry of the Pittsburgh region, and, subsequently, with the development of the iron and steel industry of western Pennsylvania, in which later industry he has been a major factor for many years. For some time closely associated with Andrew Carnegie, and one of his ablest lieutenants, there came a time when the two men clashed, and became keen rivals. Mr. Frick, as a citizen of Pittsburgh, has been a free spender for institutions of education in which he is deeply interested. Of late years he has become widely known as a collector of works of art. In his home in New York city he has a magnificent collection of masterpieces of art, purchased in Europe, and it is coming to be a tradition, in the world of art dealers, that Mr. Frick is planning to bring together the greatest art collection in America.

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Lot No. 5 in Block No. 702 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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TIMES WANT ADS. Money Makers

PERPETRATED A BONEHEAD STUNT IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

Special Envoy Luis Cabrera Unceremoniously Takes His Departure from Washington to Buenos Aires.

According to a report from Washington, the impetuous Luis Cabrera, special Mexican envoy, who was in Laredo several days ago, has pulled off another bonehead stunt by unceremoniously leaving Washington without saying goodbye or "beg your leave and kiss my foot" from those who were awaiting his presence to attend a conference on the exportation matter as concerns Mexico, and for which Ambassador Fletcher had gone from Mexico City to Washington.

While the announcement is not that flags were at half-mast in Washington on account of the sudden departure of Mr. Cabrera, it is stated that he had "gone to Buenos Aires to attend a so-called neutral conference." Coming on the heels of the conference here this week between Governor Hobby of Texas and Governor Zambrano of Nuevo Leon, and the latter seeking to have the Texas executive use his influence to have the food embargo modified to a certain extent, the grandstand play pulled off by Cabrera is looked upon as one of those ludicrous gyrations of which Mexican "diplomats" alone are capable.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, Port of Laredo, Texas, December 5, 1917. Notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on Saturday, December 22nd, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the customhouse, one lot of cigars, cigarettes, perfume, jewelry, opals and lace, seized for violation of the United States Revenue laws. Robt L. Ginn, Deputy Collector.

PACK HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS TO SHIP TO BROWNSVILLE

Sam W. Brown Arrives to Assist in Packing Up and Will Accompany Wife and Daughter to New Home.

Sam W. Brown, former cashier of the Laredo National Bank, but who on November 1 became acting vice president and cashier of the First National Bank of Brownsville, arrived in Laredo yesterday to have his household furnishings packed up for shipment to Brownsville, for which place he and Mrs. Brown and their daughter, Mrs. Gilbreath, will leave on Friday, making the trip from Laredo to Brownsville in their automobile.

Mr. Brown says everything is moving along nicely in Brownsville, the city is experiencing much prosperity and the southernmost metropolis of the Rio Grande is making great advancement. Mr. Brown will always be a welcome visitor to Laredo, as during his six years' residence here he made enduring friendships among all who had formed his acquaintance. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Gilbreath will leave a vacancy in Laredo that will be regretted, but their friends all express the hopes that they will be happy in their new home.

A Warning.
The public is hereby warned that no firing of cannon crackers or fire arms will be tolerated during the holidays and anyone caught violating this warning will be arrested and severely dealt with.

M. BRENNAN, City Marshal.
12-15-17.

OFFICE IN NEW QUARTERS; NOW IN CENTER OF THE CITY

Military Intelligence Department Removed to Quarters in New Alexander Building on Flores Avenue.

The office of Captain A. L. Cheek, U. S. R., in charge of the military intelligence department of the District of Laredo, has been removed from 1801 Houston street to Room 210, Alexander building over, the Woolworth store, which is on Flores Avenue, in the heart of the business district.

Captain Cheek announces that there will be someone on hand during office hours, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. to give attention to applications for ammunition permits and any other business connected with the military intelligence department.

REMAINS LIEUT. COUSINEAU HAVE REACHED PLAINVIEW

Funeral Was Scheduled to Take Place at Old Home of Deceased This Afternoon With Military Honors.

The remains of Lieutenant A. E. Cousineau, who died at Camp Bowie on Monday, were expected to reach Plainview, the old home of the deceased, late last night or early today, and the funeral will probably be held there this afternoon with military honors, as the body was accompanied by a number of comrades of the deceased from Camp Bowie.

The news of Lieutenant Cousineau's death was received with a feeling of deep regret by the people of Laredo, as "Jake" Cousineau made many friends during his residence in this city both as a soldier and a railroad man. His father, from Plainview, visited his son shortly before he left to enlist in the American engineers going to France.

LITTLE LOCALS

—Five more days until Christmas. Do your holiday shopping early and avoid the rush at the last moment. Most of the business establishments of Laredo are keeping "open house" until late at night this week to accommodate those buyers who are prevented from making their purchases in the daytime.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas. 5-11-17.

—Used Car Bargains—Studebaker, Dodge, Hupmobile, Ford—all first-class condition. RIO GRANDE BUICK COMPANY. 12-19-17.

—Nabob tires, 6,000-mile guarantee, two extra layers of canvas, extra layer of rubber, all hand made. Citizens' Auto Co. 12-18-17.

—A committee of ladies have established headquarters in the postoffice lobby this week for the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals. Those who have not yet purchased their supplies of the little seals should call on the committee and take all they can use. The seals cost one cent each and add a cheerful appearance to postcard greetings, letters and holiday packages. 12-19-17.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother. 12-10-15.

—Air compressors; let your engine pump your tires. Made especially for Dodge cars. Put on in one minute. Let us show them to you. Citizens Auto Co., corner Houston and Santa Maria. 12-18-17.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo today: Fifteen carloads of lead, two carloads of copper and eleven carloads of lime.

—Am selling out at less than cost some silk dresses, evening dresses, waists and skirts. Through the courtesy of Messrs. J. K. Forseck & Sons, I am showing these goods in their store. Mrs. J. Joesten. 12-19-17.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Sallee. 11-23-17.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barthelow, No. 48. 9-15-17.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Thurman Brantley and Miss Ella Brady, Santiago Vasquez and Miss Herlinda Lugo. 12-18-17.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Ittney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed. 8-11-17.

—See our beautiful line of seat covers for Dodge cars. Citizens Auto Co. 12-18-17.

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—Only eleven more days of old 1917 left, and then another year will be ushered in. It has been a sad year for the people, with the greater part of the world at war and many men leaving their homes to engage in the great conflict. But perhaps during the year to come the dove of peace will appear and the Kaiser and his barbarians will be put out of existence.

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—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county. 7-19-17.

—Citizens Auto Co., dealer in Dodge and Premier cars. An absolutely complete line of parts carried in stock here. Anything you need waiting for you. You don't have to wait for it. 12-18-17.

—The postoffice and express company are the scenes of much activity these days, for hundreds of Christmas packages are now being mailed—and the best of it all is that the soldier boys who are in some of the big military camps are being remembered in a substantial manner by the "folks" and "the girl they left behind" at home. 12-18-17.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-17.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017. 6-20-17.

—Brigido Rivera, arrested on a charge of theft of two boxes of cigars on the military reservation, was given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Foster this morning and bound over to the federal grand jury in the sum of \$100, which he failed to provide.

—What could be nicer and a source of greater pleasure and health than a Dodge car? Give your wife, mother or sister one for Christmas. See them on display. Citizens Auto Co., corner Houston and Santa Maria. 12-18-17.

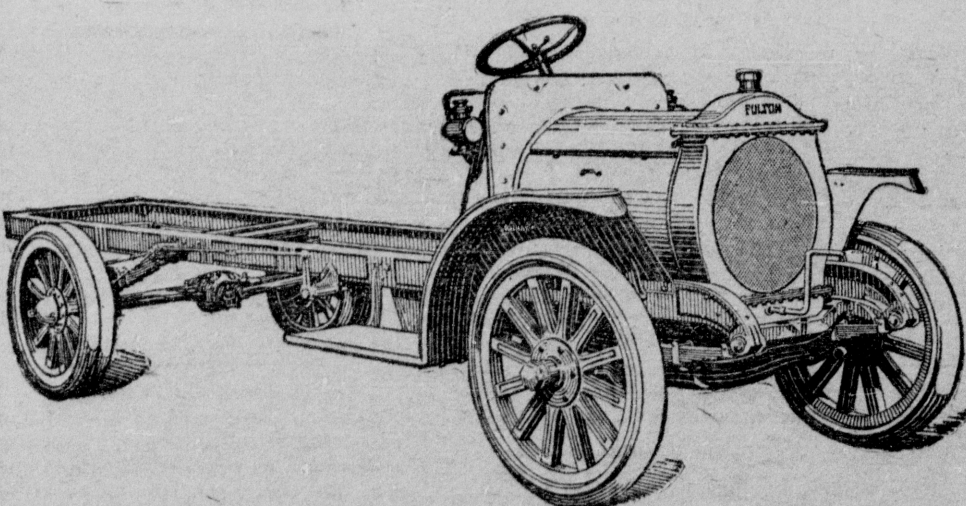
—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-17.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-17.

—In referring to the band concert and speaking on Jarvis Plaza during the banquet to the visiting governors Monday night, The Times inadvertently failed to mention that the music and speaking was under the auspices of the Laredo Chapter of the American Red Cross and was the opening of the campaign here to secure 2,500 members in Webb county.

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The following importations from Mexico passed through this port today: Three carloads of iron, two carloads of oil, one carload of guano, one carload of mayoram, one carload of bones, eleven carloads of copper, two carloads of lead, twelve carloads of calamine.

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—Nabob tires, 6,000-mile guarantee, two extra layers of canvas, extra layer of rubber, all hand made. Citizens' Auto Co. 12-18-6t.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother. 12-10-15.

—The hospitalities accorded Mrs. Hobby, wife of the Texas governor, by Mrs. Zambrano, wife of the Nuevo Leon governor, and the ladies of Nuevo Laredo, who gave a reception in honor of Mrs. Hobby, was one of the pleasant features of the visit of the gubernatorial party to the Mexican city yesterday and an event that will long be remembered by the honoree.

—Air compressors; let your engine pump your tires. Made especially for Dodge cars. Put on in one minute. Let us show them to you. Citizens Auto Co., corner Houston and Santa Maria. 12-18-6t.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Sallee. 11-23-1m.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barthelov, No. 48. 9-15-6t.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed. 8-11-6t.

—Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Julio Sasa: Saturday, December 15, a son.

—See our beautiful line of seat covers for Dodge cars. Citizens Auto Co. 12-18-6t.

—Just arrived, carload of toys. R. Flores and Brother. 12-10-15.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county. 7-19-6t.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Refugio Sanchez and Miss Cesaria Mejia, Juan Aguilar and Miss Felicitas Flores.

—Citizens Auto Co., dealer in Dodge and Premier cars. An absolutely complete line of parts carried in stock here. Anything you need waiting for you. You don't have to wait for it. 12-18-6t.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-6t.

—The Bellmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017. 6-20-6t.

—What could be nicer and a source of greater pleasure and health than a Dodge car? Give your wife, mother or sister one for Christmas. See them on display. Citizens Auto Co., corner Houston and Santa Maria. 12-18-6t.

—During the band concert on Jarvis Plaza last night while the banquet was in progress at the Hamilton Hotel for the two governors and their retinues, a speech in Spanish on behalf of the Red Cross was made by Clemente N. Ibar and listened to by a large crowd of Mexican-Americans gathered thereabouts. Judge Greer and Asher Smith also made short talks.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-6t.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-6t.

—My store will be open every evening, until 9 o'clock from now until Christmas Eve. L. Daiches, the Jeweler. 12-18-3t.

DEATH OF PIONEER RESIDENT OF THIS SECTION OF TEXAS

Mrs. Elizabeth Petty, Aged 68 Years, Was Native of Cotulla Community; Leaves Large Family.

Another pioneer resident of this section of Texas passed to eternal rest when Mrs. Elizabeth Petty, aged 68 years, and who throughout her life had made her home in the Cotulla community, died at the Mercy Hospital yesterday morning at 12:30 o'clock following a long illness.

Yesterday at noon the body was shipped to Cotulla for interment at the old home, the remains being accompanied by her children, J. W. Less and M. A. Petty, Mrs. Charles Bragg, Mrs. A. P. West and Mrs. John Everts. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon in Cotulla and largely attended. The family have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

A Warning.

The public is hereby warned that no firing of cannon crackers or fire arms will be tolerated during the holidays and anyone caught violating this warning will be arrested and severely dealt with.

M. BRENNAN, City Marshal. 12-15-7t.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church will meet with Mrs. R. A. Millar at half after two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Red Cross Supply Room will be open at half after two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Tuesday Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. S. M. Barlow at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will meet at the Rectory at four o'clock with Mrs. C. W. Cook.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet at four o'clock in the afternoon at the church for election of officers.

Miriam Chapter No. 86, O. E. S., will hold their regular meeting at the Masonic Hall at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Community Singing at the Public Library in the evening.

Wednesday.

The Nopales Camp Fire Girls will meet with Mrs. J. A. Burnett at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Training for Service Class of the Christian Endeavor Society will hold their regular weekly meeting at the church in the evening.

General Mention.

The family of Mr. J. R. Rodriguez moved to their new home today.

Mr. J. A. Rodriguez, accompanied by his niece, Miss Evelyn, have returned from San Antonio, where they had been spending the week-end.

Mr. R. C. MacDonald left last night for San Antonio to attend the meeting of Y. M. C. A. secretaries.

Miss Maria T. Juarez, who has been in Chicago for the past year visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. A. Juarez, has accompanied him and his wife to New York, where they will spend the holidays.

Mrs. Frank Nye left on Sunday for Fort Worth in response to the news of the illness of her son.

Mr. J. Carley of San Antonio is in the city for a several days stay.

August Wormser returned home on Saturday from the Staunton Military Academy to spend the holidays with his parents.

Among those returning home this week from Bryan to spend the holidays are: Marcus Wormser, Louis Becker, Edward Mullally and Howell Burnett.

Announcements.

There will be full rehearsal of the Christmas Carols at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The pupils and teachers of the Laredo High School will entertain with an informal reception for parents and friends, Friday afternoon, December 21st, from 3 to 5 o'clock, at the High School.

Honor Guard Notes.

Miss Belle Wetsbrook turned in the following report in regard to the voting contest which the Honor Guard Girls are holding at Moser's Store. These votes will be counted again on Wednesday. Dr. J. T. Halsel, 555; Rev. L. H. Wharton, 200; George Bigden, 14; Carlos Richter, 10; Tom Guernsey, 5; Alfred Campbell, 24. The money derived from this contest will be used to purchase materials for knitting warm clothing for the soldiers, and it is earnestly hoped that everyone who can do so will help to swell this fund. There is urgent need for warm articles among our soldiers, and perhaps if there were sufficient warm sweaters, many a boy's life would be spared. This is an extremely cold winter and the Guard are trying to do every thing they can to do their part to help in the war, so put up the name of your favorite and come over the "top" with your dollars.

Attention, Red Cross Members. Red Cross Service Flags are being distributed to all members. These flags are to be hung in a front window of your home and on Christmas Eve a lighted candle or lamp is to be placed behind the flag. The Red Cross will shine forth from millions of American homes on Christmas Eve. This beautiful Christmas ceremony will have a deep and sacred meaning on this, the first Christmas since our nation's entry into the war. It will be the symbol of our service to the nation and to the men who have gone out from our homes at our nation's call to fight for the freedom of the world. The Red Cross in our windows will mean that those within our homes have dedicated themselves to the service and comfort and to secure the saving of countless lives of the sol-

THIS MAN COULDN'T WALK ACROSS ROOM

SAYS CONDITION WAS ALMOST HOPELESS WHEN HE BEGAN TAKING TANLAC—TROUBLES NOW OVER.

"I was in such a weak and rundown condition before taking Tanlac I couldn't walk across the room without becoming exhausted," declared L. E. Fortman, of 2403 Gold Street, a well known employee of the Great Western Oil Co., El Paso. Before coming to El Paso three years ago Mr. Fortman was for many years assistant superintendent of the Shreveport Electric Company of Shreveport, La.

"About four years ago," he explained, "I had an attack of the grip complicated with pneumonia and my health gave way entirely. My system seemed to be full of malaria and I had a very bad case of stomach trouble, too and for months all I could eat was raw eggs and buttermilk. I had terrible headaches and was so nervous and tormented I just couldn't sleep hardly at all. I was in such a terrible condition I had to resign my position and thinking a change of climate might help me I came out here but did not get any better.

"I had about given up all hope of ever getting well again but when I saw what Tanlac had done for one of my friends I got a bottle. Well, sir, it went right to the seat of my trouble and I began to feel a big difference right away. My appetite improved and I can now eat things that would have been like poison to me a few weeks ago. My skin seems to be clear, I have no more headaches, my nerves are all right and I sleep like a log. I have more vim and energy than I have had in a long time and I am so much stronger that I am now working every day."

Tanlac is sold in Laredo by Windsor Drug Co.

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diers who are facing death in the trenches.

Entertainment.

The members of the Nullo Club and additional guests were very pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. J. S. Penn. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of the occasion were: Club members—Mesdames Young, Woodman, Christen, Miss Penn. The guests included Mesdames S. M. Barlow, J. P. Leyendecker and J. A. Wilson.

Hannukah Festival.

The Hebrew Ladies Aid Society entertained with a delightful program on Sunday evening at the Y. M. C. A. Hall. The hall was artistically decorated in the national colors, which featured flags and bunting, and quantities of cut flowers added to the attractiveness of the whole. The following program was given: Hannukah Address... Mr. F. Wormser Children's Exercises. Lighting of the Hannukah candles. Rock of Ages, sung by the congregation.

Address... Mr. L. Cohn Russian Dance

Miss Josephine Daiches. Recitations... Soldier Boys Reading... Miss Rosalie Wormser Song... Miss Adelaide Gebhardt MacDonald.

Recitation... Miss Molly Swartzmann Violin Solo

Miss Elinor Kaplan. Song, "Little Gray Home in the West," Mrs. L. Joseph.

Address... Mr. Mazur Star Spangled Banner... Congregation At the close of the program delicious coffee, sandwiches, cake and candy were served to about 250 guests. A large box of sandwiches and several cakes were sent to the base hospital to the sick soldier boys.

Special thanks are accorded Mrs. L. Daiches, as the success of the occasion was assured by her untiring efforts, and to those who assisted her.

The entertainment was in charge of the following committees: Decorating committee—Mesdames Kaplan, Yesner, A. Wormser, L. Joseph and F. Wormser assisted by the soldier boys; refreshment committee—Mrs. L. Daiches, assisted by Mesdames L. Cohn, Joe Moser, A. Wormser and L. Joseph; musical program committee—Mrs. B. Iffeld, Mesdames Kaplan, L. Goodman, L. Joseph and A. Wormser.

Children's Day.

The committee has planned a delightful Children's Day for Friday, Dec. 28, at Elks' Hall. In the afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock there will be a party for all the younger children. There will be games, dances and refreshments. Mothers are urged to let their children come to the party, for they will be well looked after and are sure to have a wonderful time. Tickets for this party will be 25c each. These 50c tickets will also include admission to the afternoon party. Further announcement will be made later.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 18.

1795—Henry Deitweiler, the father of homeopathy in the United States, born in Switzerland. Died at Eaton, Pa., April 21, 1887.

1814—Owing to the absence of citizens as soldiers the Louisiana legislature prolonged the term of all payments of debts until May 1, 1815.

1845—Sikhs defeated by British at battle of Moodkee.

1863—Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, born. Assassinated at Sarajevo, June 28, 1914.

1870—Assembly of German princes presented the king of Prussia with an address requesting him to become emperor.

1874—An official reception was given King Kalakaua of the Hawaiian Islands by Congress.

1887—Duke of Norfolk, special envoy from Queen Victoria, congratulated Pope Leo on his jubilee.

1889—Convention of delegates from Kansas, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska, met at Omaha to form a central prohibition organization.

1899—Field Marshal Lord Roberts was ordered to take command of the British military operations in South Africa, with Lord Kitchener as chief of staff.

THE WAR:—

1914—British protectorate proclaimed throughout Egypt.

1915—British successfully completed withdrawal of the army from Gallipoli.

1916—British Premier announced in parliament that Allies rejected the German peace proposal.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

DECEMBER 18.

Francis Burton Harrison, who holds the important post of Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, was born in New York city, 44 years ago today. He is of an old Virginia family, now resident for many years in New York. After graduating from Yale University and studying law in New York city, Mr. Harrison set about his profession shortly before the beginning of the Spanish-American war. He threw himself into this contest with abandon, returned home with a taste for public life, and, winning the support of the Democratic managers, stood for Congress in the Thirtieth New York city district. He was elected, and, with the exception of two years, sat continuously in the national house of representatives from 1903 until his appointment to the Philippines ten years later. As Governor-General of the most important of the American insular possessions he has made an excellent record as an administrator. Recently he received from the University of the Philippines the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Notice to the Public.

On and after December first, Mr. M. M. Holland will be with the Border Foundry and Machine Co. We will be in a position to handle outside engine and pump work; also automobile and truck work. Oxygen acetylene welding and cutting. We will do our best to please you.

CON MIMS, Manager. 11-24-6t.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take which is important when must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

"A SPLENDID TONIC" Says Hixson Lady Who, On Doctor's Advice, Took Cardui And Is Now Well.

Hixson, Tenn.—"About 10 years ago I was..." says Mrs. J. B. Gadd, of this place. "I suffered with a pain in my left side, could not sleep at night with this pain, always in the left side..."

My doctor told me to use Cardui. I took one bottle, which helped me and after my baby came, I was stronger and better, but the pain was still there.

I at first let it go, but began to get weak and in a run-down condition, so I decided to try some more Cardui, which I did.

This last Cardui which I took made me much better, in fact, cured me. It has been a number of years, still I have no return of this trouble.

I feel it was Cardui that cured me, and I recommend it as a splendid female tonic.

Don't allow yourself to become weak and run-down from womanly troubles. Take Cardui. It should surely help you, as it has so many thousands of other women in the past 40 years. Headache, backache, sideache, nervousness, sleeplessness, tired-out feeling, are all signs of womanly trouble. Other women get relief by taking Cardui. Why not you? All druggists.

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EMERGENCY FLEET CORPORATION WILL BE REORGANIZED UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT NOW

Admiral Harris Resigned and a General Shake Up will Follow the Appointment of a New Chief—Senate Votes to Investigate the Delays in Building the American Merchant Marine.

REPORT KERENSKY AGAIN UNDER ARMS

SUPPORTED BY THOUSANDS OF TROOPS FORMER PREMIER AGAIN IN VICINITY OF PEROGRAD.

By Associated Press.

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—A report that former Premier Kerensky of Russia, supported by some thousands of troops, has appeared in the vicinity of Petrograd is contained in a dispatch from Haparanda, Sweden, at the Finnish frontier, to the Berlinische Tidende. The Bolsheviks are said to have sent troops against him.

Trotzky Treats for Peace.

Petrograd, Dec. 17.—The German and Austrian foreign ministers have notified Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, that they will arrive at Brestlitovsk Tuesday to begin negotiations for a general European peace. Evening newspapers announce that Trotzky has notified the allied embassies that the armistice has reached a definite result and that peace negotiations will begin, and asking them to participate or state whether they wish peace. Up to this evening the embassies had not received the communication, and an informal conference of allied diplomats is said to have reached no definite decision.

Captured Italian Position.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Parts of Italian positions on the northern front were captured yesterday, the war office announces.

Nothing of Interest.

London, Dec. 18.—"There is nothing of interest to report," says today's official statement.

French Captured Prisoners.

Paris, Dec. 18.—French patrols in operations in the St. Quentin region captured prisoners, says today's statement. The French repulsed an enemy effort south of Javincourt. Artillery fighting was carried out actively during the night in the region of the Rhone-Rhine canal.

FORMER SENATOR 75 YEARS OLD.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Nathan B. Scott, former United States senator from West Virginia and for many years a Republican party leader of national prominence, received many congratulations today on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary. The ex-senator is a native of Ohio and a veteran of the civil war. After the war he settled at Wheeling, where he accumulated a large fortune in the glass industry and in other business enterprises. For more than a quarter of a century he served as the West Virginia member of the Republican National Committee. Since his retirement from public life in 1911 Senator Scott has resided the most of the time in Washington.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day: Tonight and Wednesday cloudy.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today: Max. temp. 62 degs. Min. temp. 48 degs. General direction of wind: West. Cloudy.

Governor Too Busy.

Governor W. P. Hobby had promised to address a gathering at Jarvis Plaza before returning to Austin last evening, but the delay in the conferences, the other demands made on the governor's time and the fact that trains, like time and tide, wait for no man, prevented the governor from fulfilling his engagement. At an early date Governor Hobby expects to return to Laredo, on which occasion he will no doubt do his best to make up for an unavoidable interference with his engagements on the present occasion.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Charles Plez of Chicago today was appointed general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, succeeding Rear Admiral Harris, resigned. A general reorganization of the fleet corporation will follow. Rear Admiral Bowles, aide to Admiral Harris, will be given an important place in the new organization. James Haywood will take full charge of wooden construction and Charles Day will become manager of the production department. Admiral Harris' resignation was accepted. Chairman Hurley announced, because of his insistence on moving the office of the corporation to Philadelphia. Chairman Hurley announced that the shipbuilding program is in excellent shape.

Ordered Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Investigation of the delays in building the American merchant marine by the shipbuilding board and the emergency fleet corporation was ordered today by the senate, which rushed through a resolution by Senator Harding of Ohio, after vigorous criticism by several senators of the failure to produce ships.

The Railroad Problem.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Investigation by the senate interstate commerce committee of the interstate commerce commission's recommendations for solving railroad transportation difficulties was ordered today by the senate on motion of Senator Cummins of Ohio. The committee will meet during the recess of congress with instructions to report legislative recommendations.

BOMB WRECKED THE GOVERNOR'S HOUSE

TWO MEN WERE SEEN ESCAPING AFTER THE EXPLOSION AT CALIFORNIA STATE MANSION.

By Associated Press.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 18.—What is believed to have been an attempt to kill Governor William Stephens by means of a powerful explosive bomb last night resulted in the wrecking of the executive mansion, the entire end of the building being blown out. The governor and wife, as well as the servants in the house at the time, escaped injury. Two men were seen fleeing from the house immediately after the explosion.

DON ZEFERINO DOMINGUEZ, "CORN KING," WILL LECTURE.

Illustrated Lecture in English and Spanish Wednesday Morning at Royal Theatre.

Don Zeferino Dominguez, the "corn king," will deliver a lecture at the Royal Theatre on Wednesday morning, December 19th, from ten until twelve o'clock. The lecture will be free. The public is invited and all who are interested in farming, and especially in the raising of corn, feterita, milo maize, etc., under rainfall, are asked to attend.

The lecture will be delivered and explanations made in both Spanish and English. The lecture will be illustrated, and should be of great interest to our people. Don Zeferino Dominguez is employed by the Mexican Government as agricultural director and he now has his private car at Nuevo Laredo, which is equipped as an agricultural demonstration car. The lecture has been arranged for by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce.

Card of Thanks.

We, the enlisted men of the Thirty-seventh Infantry and Fourteenth Cavalry, extend to the Sovereigns of Olive Camp No. 3170, W. O. W., our many thanks for their kindness in banqueting us at the Club Cafe last evening. We desire to show our appreciation of the action of the camp in this manner. We also thank the Club Cafe for its courtesy and delectable dishes served. Wishing you a Merry Christmas, for myself and the soldiers, I remain yours very truly, Martin A. Parker, appointed chairman.

PROHIBITION MAY SOON BE SETTLED

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SUBMITTED TO STATES FOR RATIFICATION OR REJECTION.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The proposed constitutional amendment for national prohibition was today finally submitted by congress to the states for ratification or rejection within seven years. The senate completed the congressional action by accepting the house amendment to the resolution of submission on a rising vote of 47 to 8 without a roll call.

Woman Suffrage Next.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A vote in the house on the woman suffrage constitutional amendment on Thursday, January 16, was assured today when the rules committee agreed on that date.

More Than Two-Thirds Vote.

Washington, Dec. 18.—On a test vote today indicating the sentiment in the house toward the woman suffrage constitutional amendment, the suffragists polled seven more than a two-thirds vote.

CHEATED THE LAW.

By Associated Press. Gallup, N. M., Dec. 18.—Mario Cuevas and Silvario Silva, sentenced to be hanged December 21 for murder, committed suicide in the county jail early today by hanging themselves.

ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—The Society of the Army of the Philippines, of which Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft are honorary members, met in this city today for its eighteenth annual convention and reunion. The society was founded in 1900 and is made up of officers and enlisted men of the United States army who served in the Philippine Islands between the years 1898 and 1902. The attendance at the present convention is smaller than at the previous reunions, owing to the fact that virtually all of the present national officers and more than half of the membership of the society are now engaged in active military service.

CAUTION AGAINST SACCHARIN.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Owing to the scarcity of sugar in many sections of the country, some folks are restoring to saccharin to sweeten their eatables, but it is a very unwise practice, in the opinion of the medical experts.

Saccharin is only a drug which should be issued purely to diabetic subjects. Taken by them in reasonable doses it is beneficial rather than harmful, but taken over long periods or in excessive doses it causes digestive disturbances because it is a constant irritant to the stomach.

Sugar is a food, saccharin is only a chemical substance. Being derived from coal tar it is only reasonable to suppose that it contains some undesirable properties, for all things extracted from that "species" has some drawback or another. Some eminent medical authorities declare that saccharin produces what is called pitch cancer, but it has to be taken very freely before anything so terrible results.

It is perfectly proper, of course, for a physician to order saccharin, for he knows his patient. At the same time it is well for the every-day housewife to know that at no time is the drug suitable as a substitute for sugar for sweetening jams, cakes and the like.

To Aid Registrants.

The legal advisory board for registrants under the selective draft, composed of all the attorneys of the city, have arranged to establish headquarters at the mayor's office, the hours being from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m., during which hours someone will always be on hand to aid the registrants in filling out their questionnaires. The services of the board will be gratis, but the notary's fees will have to be paid by the registrant. Further announcement will be made as to the when the board will begin its work.

T. C. MANN, C.

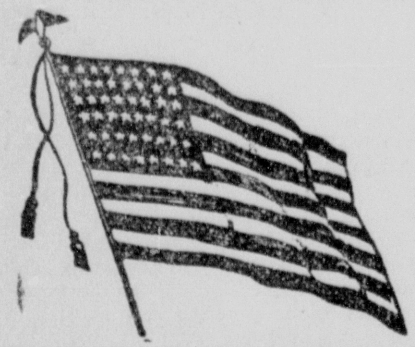
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From Monday's Daily.



THE RENTING PROBLEM.

Every day The Times has a score of inquiries for furnished rooms, flats, houses, and even office rooms that could be used as residences temporarily. It is well enough for the conservative to say that this is only a temporary demand and that "there is no money in renting."

But the fact remains that there is a crying need for more houses in Laredo, and that one of the best investments that could be made would be the building of reasonably cheap houses with modern conveniences.

There are many houses in Laredo which were built years ago and which the unprogressive owners refuse to make up to date by adding the necessary conveniences. These houses are at present occupied—some of them at exorbitant rents—simply because the proper sort of houses are not available.

It is declared by many that their houses do not pay them an adequate interest on their investment, but it should be remembered that there are many houses in Laredo which are now paying as high as 15 per cent on their cost, even though they are not paying more than 7 or 8 per cent on the inflated value which their owners place on them.

Naturally, any house built at present, with the high cost of lumber, builders' hardware and other materials, would not pay as high a rate of interest on the investment when the inevitable slump in rents comes. But there is no telling how long the present high rents will continue, and the lucky owner of anything with four walls, a floor and a roof can now get a rent that would soon pay the cost of building.

It is interesting to open a large city daily and note the difference in rents between Laredo and any of the big cities. San Antonio is our nearest place for comparison, and we note that one can rent a five or six-room house in a desirable residence locality in that city, with every modern convenience, for less than a house of the same size, with no conveniences, in Laredo.

The taxes in San Antonio are higher, for the reason that the assessment is much higher than here, and when one considers the conveniences in San Antonio, with the modern improvements of paving, sewerage, street car service, etc., and the many advantages which we have not in the way of theaters, libraries, and all other things which naturally come with a large and modern city, one is apt to wonder why our landlords have the nerve to ask the rents they do.

For months to come we may expect an influx of many army officers, as well as enlisted men, with families. These people have been told that Laredo was equal in most respects to cities many times her size, and when they get here and find that there is not even an inferior class of residence which they can rent, and that those which are vacant are not equal in conveniences and equipment to the hovels of some country crossroads towns, they are apt to consider that they have been misinformed.

We are considering the question of installing a complete sewerage system, to be followed as soon as possible by street paving. Our merchants are doing their best to build up the city, and they have already established trade relations which are the envy of larger cities all over our state. They are willing to pay taxes for the building of the city, but they naturally object to seeing other people merely sitting around and letting the rent money to roll into

their laps, without even the trouble of going after it.

If we are ever to forge to the front among Texas cities, with a reputation for energy and progress, now is the time to begin. Let some of the capitalists who are looking for a good investment build a few houses which will rent for a reasonable price, even though they are but little further advanced than the dwellings of the mound builders.

We are getting a black eye among the citizens of other places who come here and find themselves unable to secure a decent residence without buying it and paying for it in advance.

THE RED CROSS DRIVE.

The big Membership Drive which the Red Cross throughout the country is beginning today is typical of the co-operation which our people are lending to the government in the conduct of the war. It is aimed at the very strongholds of selfishness and indolence, of the fortress in which the men who are doing nothing are attempting to shelter themselves. It is bigger and better than any other effort which is being made by the civilians, for the Red Cross does something to justify its existence.

Membership in the Red Cross does not necessarily carry with it the obligation to nurse wounded or sick soldiers; it does not necessarily mean personal service on the part of those who cannot spare the time; it is first of all a financial aid which the Red Cross member contributes, as the annual fee of \$1 from ten millions of Red Cross members means more than the same number of people might have contributed had they been approached by solicitors.

Of course there are obligations resting upon every member of the Red Cross. There are obligations of duty to the local chapter, of duty to the national organization and of duty to the United States which some of the members have failed to grasp.

To the honor of Laredo Chapter he it said that the majority of the members are doing their full duty—some of them much more than could be expected under normal conditions. We have paid our share of the hundred millions which was asked; we have contributed the quota of bandages and surgical dressings and all other things which were requested; we have loyal and devoted women who are giving all of their spare time—at a time when there are but few spare moments to give—in making dressings and bandages and pajamas and other hospital equipment.

But there is still something more that Laredo can do. We should have 2,000 more annual members, and if the nation expects to secure 15 per cent of its population as members of the Red Cross, surely Laredo can have at least ten per cent of her permanent population as members of the local Red Cross chapter.

Every person approached should feel it an honor to be solicited for membership. The fee of \$1 is, to say the least, what everyone can afford to contribute, and the obligations which rest upon the members are such that almost anyone can fulfill without any detriment to his regular business affairs.

The Red Cross has almost completed the expenditure of the hundred odd millions which were raised last summer, and the ten millions which are confidently expected to result from this Christmas Membership Drive will be but a drop in the bucket for future expenditure.

But every member secured now is a potential solicitor for further contributions, and a potential worker in some way which will conduce to the future good of the organization, which means the good of the people of the United States, if not of the world.

We cannot all be nurses on the battlefield or behind the firing line. Not every full-blooded young man who cannot pass the requirements of the army can be an ambulance driver. Not every woman can afford time enough to knit or sew for the soldiers and sailors. But almost everyone can afford a dollar for membership in this great organization which comes nearer to following the teachings of the Master than perhaps any other organization on earth.

Christian, pagan, Jew and Gentile—all are welcome in this great organization. A dollar from a person who can not give more is as acceptable as the widow's mite, and even the proud Pharisee can do his bit by contributing, even though he does not want to do more.

Membership in the American Red Cross confers the right to wear the little Red Cross which means that you are at least doing a part of what you ought to do. And every dollar helps, even though it may not look as big as a millionaire's check. Remember that millions, after all, are only composed of dollars. The ocean's waves are composed of drops of water, and the Red Cross benefactions depend upon the personal contribution.

The Bolsheviks announce that they won, and the Cossacks claim the victory. All we know is that so far they are a sorry lot, and are little deserving of sympathy or aid from this country.

Trotsky says that if the armistice is signed at Brestlitovsk, the delegates are empowered to enter into peace negotiations. Some difference from the days when he hustled news for a New York newspaper at a few dollars a week and dodged the police from one day to another.

LITTLE LOCALS

—Tickets are on sale this week for the children's party and ball on Dec. 28 at Elks Hall.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas.

—One week from tomorrow is Christmas, a day that to many will be the most joyous and glad some of the year, while to others it will be a day of sadness—especially in those homes where last year there was present someone who during the intervening time to this Christmas has left this earth. And then, too, the absence of so many of "our boys" will tend to make this a dull Christmas for many people.

—We repair typewriters. Oliver Agency. Strand Building.

—We cannot all serve in the trenches, but we can all serve at home, and membership in the Red Cross is service.

—The protracted dry spell is holding on with a determination that forebodes rain before there is a rift in the clouds. If it would only rain good and hard the early part of this week it would put everything in excellent condition for Christmas and help to make weather conditions ideal.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother.

—Show your whole-hearted sympathy with those who go to the front by joining the Red Cross army.

—Red Cross membership affords the surest means of showing our own soldiers and our allies that we are doing our part to lighten their hardships, guard their health and bind up their wounds.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Saltee.

—Who was governor of Texas this morning while Governor Hobby was on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande? The secretary of state was the acting governor while the regular official was out of the country. But this afternoon Governor Hobby is back on Texas soil and is the regular governor again.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Bartholow, No. 48.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed.

—Laredo wants 2,500 members for the Red Cross by Christmas Eve. Do your part. Join the Red Cross and Laredo will "go over the top" with flying colors.

—Just arrived, carload of toys. R. Flores and Brother.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Juan Rebullosa and Mrs. Flora Orsco, Carlos G. Rodriguez and Miss Virginia Villareal, G. E. Lundschen and Miss Jamie Cummings, Eberhard Arthur Wiegand and Miss Margaret N. Malone.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county.

—Not all of us have husbands, sons or brothers in the service, but there is not a man or woman in Laredo who has not at least one friend who has gone to the colors. Pledge your loyal friendship and support to that man by joining the Red Cross.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017.

—The criminal docket will be taken up in the district court here tomorrow morning and the several cases set for trial for Tuesday will be called and disposed of in the order published several days ago.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office.

—Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Luis G. Peña this morning at 9 o'clock, a son. Mother and child are doing nicely.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

—Don't forget Visitors' Day at the Surgical Room, Wednesday from 3 to 6 p. m. The public is invited.

STATE BUREAU OF MARKETS ISSUES VALUABLE FOLDER

Grades Established for Bermuda Onions as Regards Standardizing of Names and Grades Now Obtainable.

An interesting little four-leaf pamphlet has been issued by E. W. Cole, director of markets of the department of agriculture. This pamphlet gives some valuable information on the grades established for Texas Bermuda onions, which are in conformity with the wish of the bureau of markets as regards the standardizing of names for grades, as well as the grades themselves. The United States government has inspectors now at the various large trading centers who are adding to this list from time to time.

A letter from Mr. Cole says: "On request of any shipper wanting federal inspection at destination it will be given and such inspection accepted in court, therefore we are fortunate in securing this perfect working harmony, as their inspectors will grade according to our state law."

CONFERENCE OF IMPORTANCE BETWEEN GOVERNORS TODAY

GOVERNOR HOBBY OF TEXAS AND GOVERNOR ZAMBRANO OF NUEVO LEON MEET FOR DISCUSSION IMPORTANT SUBJECTS.

Governor of Texas and Party Arrived This Morning and Went to Mexican-Side for Preliminary Conference; Main Conference Being Held in Laredo This Afternoon.

Governor William P. Hobby of this state and Governor Niceforo Zambrano, of the state of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and delegated by President Carranza to represent the Mexican government as a whole, today began an important conference on matters of an international nature affecting both sides of the Rio Grande, the conference this morning being held on the Mexican side of the boundary line in Nuevo Laredo, while this afternoon the conference took place in this city, the Mexican governor and his party accompanying Governor Hobby and party to Laredo from Nuevo Laredo this afternoon.

Governor Hobby and his party, consisting of Mrs. Hobby, Adjutant General James A. Harley, Major J. C. Townes, Jr., in charge of the state selective service law; Senator J. J. Strickland, of Austin; J. L. Hunter, of Austin; Judge Winchester Kelso and Colonel F. A. Chapa of San Antonio, arrived over the International & Great Northern railway from Austin this morning at 8 o'clock. At the railway station to greet the governor and his party was Colonel J. W. Ferguson, commander of the District of Laredo and his staff, consisting of Captains Harris and Cheek and other officers of the military stationed here; Captain Herr, commander of the Fourteenth Cavalry with a squadron of cavalry lined up at the station and the Thirty-seventh Infantry Band.

Headed by the squadron of cavalry and the regimental band the procession moved from the railway station to the Bender Hotel, where the cavalry stood in a long line past which the governor's party moved and the band played patriotic airs. At the hotel a number of federal, county and city officials were on hand to greet Governor Hobby and party. After short greetings the party repaired to the dining hall, where breakfast was awaiting them.

Soon after the arrival of Governor Hobby in this city he was notified that Governor Niceforo Zambrano and party had arrived in Nuevo Laredo in a special car. The personnel of Governor Zambrano's party was given as the following: Governor and Mrs. Zambrano and daughters, Misses Isaura and Rosalinda Zambrano; Misses Dora and Nellie Larraide, Lic. Juan H. Garza y Garza, Lic. Galdino P. Quintanilla, Lic. Santiago Roel, Jose Trevino, Rafael de la Huerta, Bernardino Balderas, Rafael Garza Trevino, Miguel M. Rendon, Miguel Chavez, Arcadio Jimenez, Juan Rivera, Francisco Tamez and Jose Trevino Garza. This party is composed of members of Governor Zambrano's official family as well as personal representatives of President V. Carranza, who came from Mexico City and joined Governor Zambrano and his party at Monterey.

Colonel Ferguson, commander of the Laredo District, named Lieutenant H. E. Watson as aide to Governor Hobby, and Lieutenant Frank B. Hayne as the aide to Governor Zambrano. The arrangements of the conference were placed in the hands of United States Consul Randolph Robertson of Monterey, who arrived here yesterday ahead of the Texas governor's party, and who was on hand this morning with other officials, including United States Consul Sholes and State Quarantine Officer H. C. Hall, to greet Governor Hobby and members of his party at the railway station.

At about 10:30 the Texas governor and members of his party boarded automobiles and drove to Nuevo Laredo, being greeted on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande by General Reynaldo Garza and his staff and a line of soldiery standing at "attention;" Mexican Consul Melquiades Garcia, Mayor Alarcon and members of the city government and the people in general. Governor Hobby was then introduced to Governor Niceforo Zambrano of the state of Nuevo Leon, and the two ex-lives exchanged most cordial greetings. A short conference of a general nature was held in Nuevo Laredo between the representatives of both Texas and Mexico, but this was only of a preliminary and informal kind, and the main subjects of the conference as originally planned were left for the session in Laredo this afternoon. At the conclusion of the informal meeting between the two governors and the members of their parties, the American governor and his retinue were guests at a luncheon given by Governor Zambrano, during which short

talks were made and general good feeling was manifested on all sides.

At the conclusion of the preliminary meeting and conference in Nuevo Laredo the two governors and their retinues returned to Laredo this afternoon. The matters to be discussed are somewhat similar to those discussed by ex-Governor Ferguson and Former Governor Luis Caballero some months ago, only those at this time are even more important and are said to include an understanding as to the preservation of order along the border, the suppressing of bandit activities, exchange of prisoners, etc. The conference is a most important one and of international interest, as Governor Hobby has full power to act in the matters to be discussed. It is probable that the conference will end this afternoon and the governor and party leave for their homes tonight.

APPRECIATE THE RANGERS FOR THEIR WORTH IS KNOWN

With One Company in Laredo and Another Nearby Lawless Characters Will Give This Place Wide Berth.

With two ranger companies stationed in Laredo and thereabouts, both of them recruited up to their increased full force, this city will soon become immune from visits of bad men from the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, while the lawless bunch who might be operating on this side will make themselves a scarce quantity, for if there is anything a real lawless character is actually afraid of that is a Texas ranger.

The rangers are the state police of Texas—and every one of them are men possessed of the proper mettle, fearless and brave in the performance of their duty. The Texas ranger, it is true, is a menace to the lawless, but a godsend in preserving law and order in a community. After Captain Will Wright and his force of rangers establish their headquarters and take station in Laredo, and Captain Will Ryan and his company are doing scout duty in the country nearby, this immediate section of the border will be given a wide berth by the lawless elements and bad men, if such there be on this side of the boundary line now, will become as docile as lambs and desist in their nefarious practices.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

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Tomorrow: Marguerite Clark in "BAB'S MATINEE IDOL."
Wednesday: "CAMILLE."

SELLING RED CROSS SEALS AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING

Committee of Ladies Headed by Mrs. George Scratchley Will Maintain Quarters There During Week.

Beginning today a number of ladies of the city, with Mrs. George Scratchley as chairman, will maintain a booth at the federal building throughout the week for the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals. The sale of the seals at the postoffice will continue until next Saturday evening, and by that time all who have failed to secure their supplies of stamps will have had an opportunity to do their part in this respect.

During the past week, in addition to having the seals on sale at various business establishments of the city, sales were had by committees stationed at the Royal and Strand motion picture theaters, while numerous children have sold the seals also. Mrs. Puster, chairman of the committee having charge of the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals in Laredo this year, requests all whom some of the various committees have failed to see and who want seals to either phone to her home or go to almost any business house in the city and get the required amount of seals, the price of which is one cent each.

Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued by Jno. C. Scott, Referee in Bankruptcy, in the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of Texas, I, trustee in the Matter of Samuel Alonzo Yates, Bankrupt, will sell for cash, subject to Referee's approval, the following described property at the highest obtainable price:

(1) A nine-tenths (9-10) interest of Delfina Mine in Vallecillo District, in the State of Nuevo Leon, in the Republic of Mexico. (2) The claim of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in the suit of Yates vs. Texas Mexican Railroad Company, et al, which suit is now pending in the District Court of Webb County, Texas. (3) The one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150) judgment in the case of Yates vs. Pence, which case is now on appeal. (4) The one-half share or portion, owned by the bankrupt, in a certain judgment recovered by him for the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) against The International and Great Northern Railway Company.

DARIO SANCHEZ, Trustee of the Samuel Alonzo Yates Estate, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.

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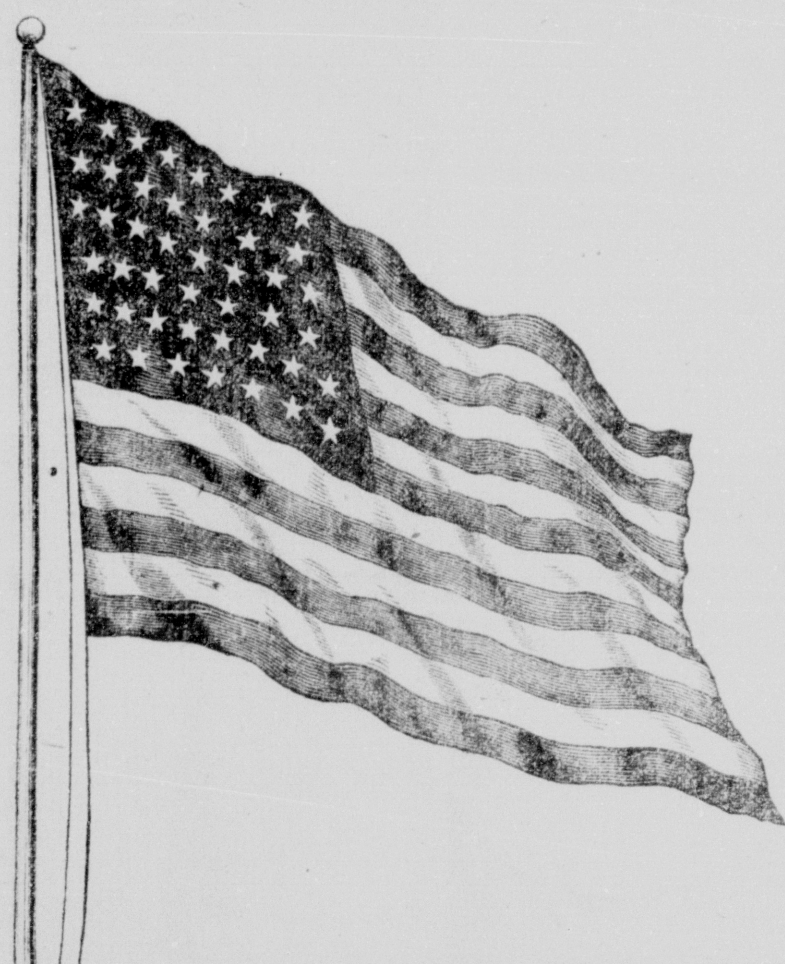
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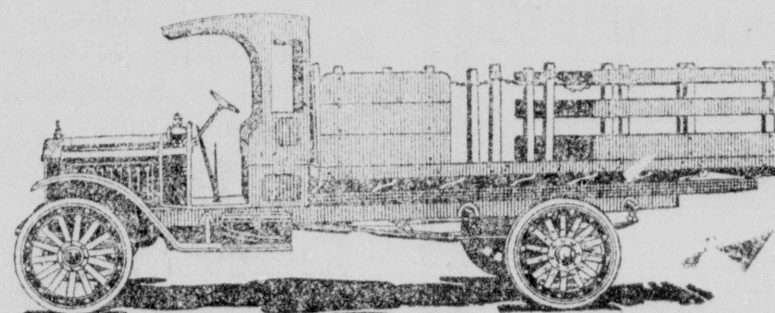
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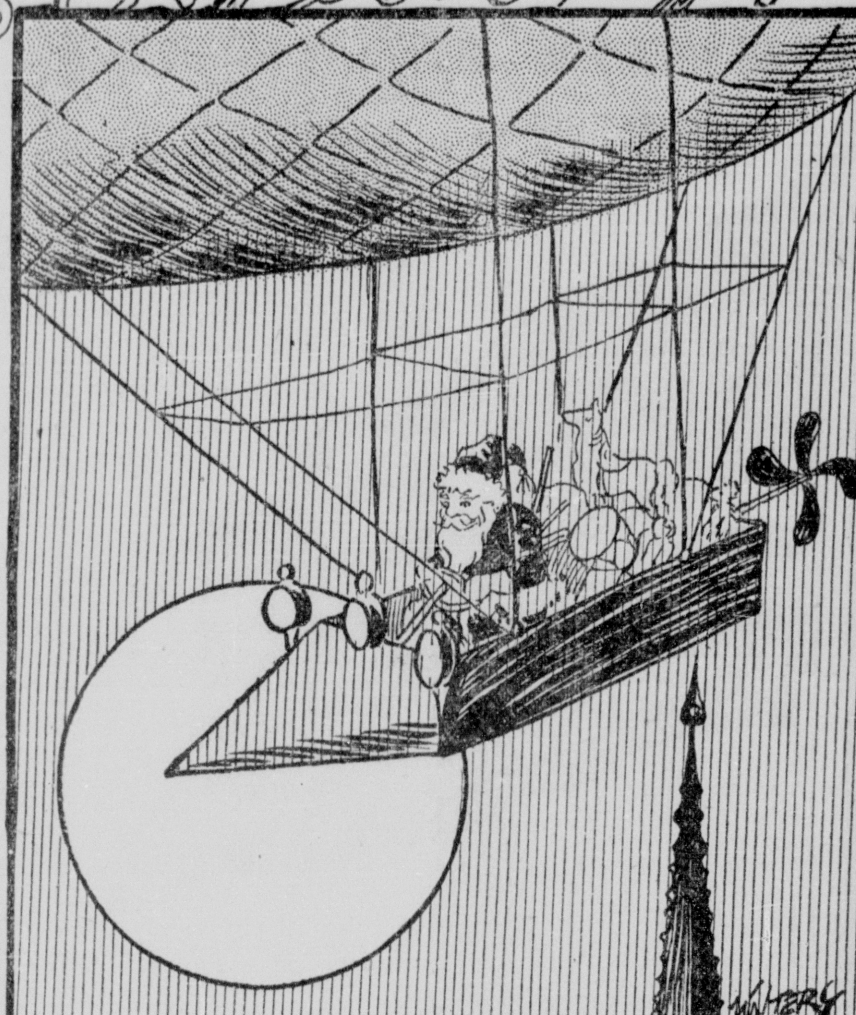
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Privates John W. Mussett, Jr., and Emmett O'Brien Arrived Today to Spend Christmas at Home.
Privates John W. Mussett, Jr., and Emmett O'Brien, two Laredo young men of the national army stationed at Camp Travis, arrived in Laredo shortly after 4 o'clock this morning to spend the holidays with their folks.
Both young men are in excellent health and spirits and soldier life appears to have agreed with them. They will be here for about ten days, after which they return to Camp Travis. They, like many other Laredo boys, expect to be on the way "over there" in a very short time, and consequently are expecting more intensive training than ever during the early spring season.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
ON A VERY SHORT FURLOUGH

Number of Soldier Boys From Two of the Big Texas Military Camps Coming Home to Spend Christmas.

Quite a few of the Laredo young men who are at Camp Bowie or Camp Travis, either with the national guard or national army organizations, will be given furloughs and come home to spend their Christmas, while many others who have secured furloughs already will not be able to come home.

While quite a number of the boys are expected home from Camp Travis, there will be comparatively few coming from Camp Bowie, on account of the furlough being of short duration and they must get back to camp quickly. This will be the last chance for many of the soldier boys to get back home in some time, as intensive training is now on in all the cantonments in full blast and in the spring time many thousands of Americans will be sailing toward some port "over there" to go after the Huns in genuine American style.

STRAIGHTEN THAT BENT BACK.

No need to suffer from that tired, dead ache in your back, that lameness, those distressing urinary disorders, Laredo people have found how to get relief. Follow this Laredo resident's example.

E. T. Ramon, merchant, 1619 Lincoln St., says: "I have suffered from attacks of backache for some time. I have had dull throbbing pains through my kidneys, so I couldn't stoop or straighten up without suffering greatly. When one of those attacks has come on, I have used Doan's Kidney Pills and they have never failed to remove the trouble. Doan's relieve the pain and make me feel better generally."

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NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS
TODAY.

DECEMBER 17.
William Lyon Mackenzie King, who recently became an assistant to Secretary Baker of the United States War Department, specializing in the settlement of labor troubles as they arise, was born in Ontario, 43 years ago today. Mr. King has long been prominent in public affairs in Canada and from 1909 to 1911 he was minister of Labor under Wilfrid Laurier. He has served on many royal commissions in Canada appointed to investigate, report upon, and sometimes to mediate in, cases of industrial warfare, or in clashes arising from conflicts of races through strict interpretation of the Canadian immigration laws. No man of his years in Canada when he went out of political power with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, had had anything like the same education or practical experience in dealing with modern social problems. In 1914, as an expert, he was employed by the Rockefeller interests to make a careful study of the causes of friction that were constantly bringing in social wars in the mining fields of Colorado.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in a certain cause therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Alonzo Barrera is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Alonzo Barrera on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$10.00 with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and costs of suit, viz:

Block No. 5, 6, 7 and 8, in Block No. 1618 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

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Block No. 1658 and 1806, in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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Block No. 1413 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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Block No. 784 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas-Mexican.

Train No. 1 leaves for Corpus Christi at 1:20 p. m.

Train No. 3 leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:30 p. m.

Train No. 2 arrives from Corpus Christi at 2:10 p. m.

Train No. 4 arrives from Corpus Christi at 7:05 p. m.

International & Great Northern.

Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:01 and arrives at 3:25 p. m.

Night Train.

Leaves at 9 p. m. and arrives at 8 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.

Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:20 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:15 p. m.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

The Nullo Club will play with Mrs. J. S. Penn at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church will meet with Mrs. R. A. Millar at half after two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Red Cross Supply Room will be open at half after two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Tuesday Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. S. M. Barlow at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will meet at the Rectory at four o'clock with Mrs. C. W. Cook.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet at four o'clock in the afternoon at the church for election of officers.

Miriam Chapter No. 86, O. E. S. will hold their regular meeting at the Masonic Hall at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Community Singing at the Public Library in the evening.

General Mention.

Through the kindness of members of the Methodist church, the convalescent soldiers at Fort McIntosh were given their usual outing yesterday afternoon. Those who furnished care were: J. O. Buenz, Dr. J. K. Thompson, Mr. Kerr and O. H. Guinn.

The many friends of Mr. A. C. Hamilton will be glad to learn that he is able to sit up but is still confined to his room after a severe attack of pleurisy.

Miss Annie Boldt, of Yorktown, Texas, a former assistant chief operator in the telephone office at San Antonio, has accepted a position as chief operator in the Laredo exchange.

Mr. J. F. Gunter spent the week-end in San Antonio, where he went to attend the marriage of his sister, Mrs. Lottie Gunter Meldrum.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Houser will leave today or tomorrow for Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. Houser has recently received his commission as First Lieutenant, and has been assigned to Greenville, for station.

Miss Hazel Merriman left for San Antonio on Saturday night to see her sister, Mrs. Stanley Houser, prior to her departure for South Carolina. She will return today.

Miss Maude McKnight went up to San Antonio on Saturday night to spend the week-end with Mrs. Stanley Houser, and will be back today.

Mrs. Sam Brown and daughter, Mrs. Frederick Gilbreath, expect to leave for Brownsville sometime this week to join Mr. Brown.

Mrs. H. B. Gullette, Miss Theodora Gullette and Bayless Gullette, will leave for San Antonio this week, and expect to remain there the remainder of the winter.

Miss Willa Bolton of Hattiesburg, Miss., has been returned to her home after a pleasant visit to Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Thompson.

Mr. Jesse Thompson and bride, have arrived and are staying with Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Thompson.

Club Notes.

The Red Cross Knitting Circle met with Mrs. MacGregor on Saturday afternoon and they worked all afternoon sewing the Red Cross emblems on the finished garments. Those present were: Mesdames Ifield, McComb, Farías, Miss Sanchez, and Mrs. MacGregor.

Mrs. Frederick Gilbreath Honored.

Mrs. Asher Smith entertained with a delightful informal tea on Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Frederick Gilbreath, who leaves this week for Brownsville, where she will be with her parents until Captain Gilbreath returns from France. The rooms were very attractively decorated in ferns and American Beauty roses. The guests were greeted by little Miss Marjorie Fish, and ushered into the living room, where they were received by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Gilbreath, and Mrs. Derby. The dining room was beautifully decorated in potted ferns and roses. The table was overlaid in Cluny lace and centrally adorned with a silver basket filled with the favored blooms. Mrs. Cogley presided over the coffee and Mrs. Austin poured tea. A stringed orchestra played during the entire afternoon and added much to the pleasure of the occasion. A large number of guests called.

Dance.

The officers and ladies of Fort Mc-

Intosh entertained very pleasantly on Saturday evening with their usual dance. Among those present were: Misses Zara Mowry, Una Young, Marzelle Beene, Ruth Scratchley, Baker and Kathryn MacGregor; Captain and Mrs. Myers, Capt. and Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Elder, Captains Rinearsen, McCleary, Herr, Schaefer, Hearn, Major Baker, Lieuts. Colburn, Keyhoe, McClure, Tomlinson, Zupan, Murray, Hayne and many others.

Sielski-Davis.

The marriage of Lieutenant Gerald E. Sielski and Miss Hazel Bell Davis was solemnized Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross W. Davis, in West Magnolia Avenue, with Dr. Felix Hill of the Laurel Heights Methodist Church performing the ceremony.

An improvised altar was formed in the living room with palms, white carnations and ferns. The reception hall and dining room was effectively decorated with ferns and flowers. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Chester Terrell sang "I Love You Truly," after which Miss Marjorie Cameron played the bridal choros from Lohengrin, to the strains of which, the bride entered on the arm of her father and was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Captain Claude Gullette of Laredo.

The bride was gowned in ivory satin meteor and white georgette crepe embroidered in silver and pearl beads. Her veil of imported silk net was embroidered in pearls and silver and was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white brides roses and ferns.

The punch bowl was presided over by Misses Fay Robbins and Sarah Clements and the brides book was in charge of Miss Mabel Knox.

Later in the evening Lieutenant and Mrs. Sielski left for El Paso where he is stationed with the Thirty-Fourth Infantry.

The brides' going away costume was a field mouse silverstone coat suit trimmed with soutache braid and she wore shoes, hat and gloves to match.—San Antonio Express.

Wright-Meldrum.

A pretty marriage was solemnized at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church when Sergeant Theodore William Wright of the 72d Aero Squadron, Aviation Corps, and Mrs. Lottie Gunter Meldrum of 131 Hasden Avenue, were united in marriage with Father Pinnell performing the ceremony.

The groom had for his attendants Sergeant Ryan and Sergeant Walsh, while the bride had for maid of honor and bridesmaid Miss Clara Hubbard and Miss Belle Cleonan.

The bride entered with her brother, J. F. Gunter of Laredo, and was met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man and groomsmen. The two young ladies preceded the bride, where they, too, awaited her coming.

The bride wore a traveling suit of dark heliotrope with toque of the same shade, trimmed in paradise. Mrs. Wright is well known in San Antonio and Southwest Texas, where she has been one of the physical culture teachers.

Mr. Wright was an Illinois farmer previous to his entering the service last summer. Sergeant and Mrs. Wright will be at home at the Gunter Hotel.—San Antonio Express.

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THE WAR.

Berlin claimed an important German victory in the region of Warsaw.

1915—Austrians advanced toward Montenegrin stronghold of Mount Lovtchen.

1916—President Wilson transmitted the Teutonic peace note to the Entente Powers without comment.

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ELEVEN VESSELS SUNK IN NORTH SEA BY GERMAN NAVAL FORCES IN RECENT FIGHT

Convoy Bound from Scotland to Norway was Attacked and Five Merchant Vessels, One British Destroyer and Four Minesweepers were Sent to the Bottom—Total Tonnage Lost was 8,000.

COAL MINERS ASKED TO FOREGO HOLIDAY

EVERY IDLE DAY OF MINES

MEANS TWO MILLIONS

TONS LESS OF

COAL.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—To keep coal production at a maximum, Fuel Administrator Garfield is preparing to appeal to operators and miners to forego the usual Christmas and New Year's holidays. Every idle day in the mines costs the country nearly two million tons of fuel. Authority to shut down industries, if necessary to supply householders with coal, was granted by the fuel administration to the Michigan fuel administrator. Many Michigan cities are said to be almost entirely without supplies for domestic use.

No Further Move.

Washington, Dec. 17.—It was indicated today that President Wilson will make no further move in the railroad situation until congress reconvenes after the holidays.

Enlisted as Private.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative Royal C. Johnson of Aberdeen, South Dakota, enlisted today as a private in the regular army. He has not resigned his seat in the house.

Won't Reconsider Tax Bill.

Washington, Dec. 17.—There will be no general reconsideration of the war tax bill at this session of congress. Chairman Simmons of the finance committee announced today during an attack on the measure by various Republican senators. He declared that the bill was not perfect and added that to correct various inconsistencies some legislation would be required.

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London, Dec. 17.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, a British destroyer and four minesweepers have been sunk in the North Sea by German naval forces. The losses were the result of an attack on a naval convoy bound from Scotland to Norway, Sir Geddes, first lord of admiralty announced today. The total tonnage lost in merchantmen was 8,000.

Neutral Vessels Sunk.

London, Dec. 17.—Two neutral merchant vessels and trawlers were sunk off the Tyne December 12 by a German destroyer, it was announced in the house of commons.

Contemplate Conscription.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—Upon the decision of the voters throughout the dominion rests the fate of the new union overment which, if retained in place, will enforce selective conscription to fill the ranks of the Canadian army overseas.

Turks Claim Successes.

London, Dec. 17.—A Turkish official statement issued yesterday says: "We occupied the islands of Hersonisi and Plaka on the coast of Asia Minor. On the coast of Palestine an attempt of a strong enemy patrol to advance was repulsed east of Jerusalem. There have been artillery duels at several points."

Nothing of Interest.

London, Dec. 17.—There is nothing of especial interest to report, says today's official statement.

British Attacked Teutons.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—British troops on the Italian front yesterday launched an attack against the Austro-German line south of Monte Secco, but it broke down before the Teuton positions, the German war office announces.

Germany Considering Peace.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Information received here today among neutral diplomats agrees with information from abroad that Germany is considering another peace offer.

RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—To enlist the active interest and support of every man and woman in the United States in the work now being carried on by the American Red Cross is the aim of the society's membership "drive," which is to begin today and will be continued until Christmas eve. From the general headquarters in this city the officials of the State and local branches throughout the country have been instructed to devote their best efforts to enrolling as many new members as possible during the next 8 days. In many of the larger cities parades and public meetings have been arranged to give momentum to the campaign.

COMPETITION.

The story of the rival bootmakers, which appeared recently, is mentioned by a correspondent in an English paper with another story, equally old but with worth repeating. It concerns two rival sausage makers. Again, they lived on opposite sides of a certain street, and one day one of them placed over his shop the legend:

"We sell sausage to the gentry and nobility of the county."

The next day, over the way, appeared the sign:

"We sell sausages to the gentry and nobility of the whole country."

Not to be outdone, the rival put up what he evidently regarded as a final statement, namely:

"We sell sausage to the king."

Next day there appeared over the door of the first sausage maker the simple expression of loyalty:

"God save the king!"—Christian Science Monitor.

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BOTH WETS AND DRY CLAIM THE VICTORY

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SARY TWO THIRDS

MAJORITY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Both wets and drys predicted victory when the issue launched into a six-hour debate which is to close at 5 o'clock this evening on the prohibition constitutional amendment. During the debate Representative Barkley, one of the prohibition leaders, claimed that a complete canvass of the state delegations indicated the adoption of the resolution by a margin of 15 votes over the necessary two thirds.

DISCUSS PHILIPPINE ISSUE.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 17.—A number of distinguished guests from various parts of the country attended the annual meeting of the Anti-Imperialist League in this city today. The sessions were held at the Twentieth Century Club and were presided over by Moorfield Storey, the president of the league.

The principal speakers were Jaime C. de Veyra and Theodora B. Yungco, representatives of the Philippine Islands in Congress. The two commissioners spoke on problems confronting the Philippines and told of the attitude of the United States possession toward independence.

RATE HEARING POSTPONED.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Hearing on the applications of the Western railroads for 15 per cent increase in freight rates, which was scheduled to take place before the Interstate Commerce Commission in this city today, has been indefinitely postponed at the request of the railroads. The reasons assigned by the roads for requesting the postponement were the commission's recommendation for unification of the railroads and the uncertainty of the Government's future actions.

YAMS AS FLOUR SUBSTITUTE.

THE GOVERNORS' MEETING.

Again a governor of Texas and a representative of the republic of Mexico have had a meeting in Laredo regarding the border problems. If the result is no greater than that secured by the meeting between Gov. Ferguson and Governor Caballero, but little good will come to this country from the present meeting.

One trouble seems to be that the Mexican government is desirous of securing every advantage it can without any corresponding return. The agreement entered into on the occasion of the former conference was that there should be an interchange of prisoners held by both countries, as the old extradition treaty had expired and no new had been entered into. What was the result of the agreement? Several prisoners are still in Mexico awaiting extradition to this side, although our Texas government was prompt in recognizing the extradition of the Mexican government for prisoners wanted in that country.

It is important to note that while the Mexican governor ostensibly is the representative of the Mexican federal government, in reality he is nothing of the kind. No credentials are carried by him, and there is not the single scratch of a pen to bind President Carranza.

So long as this sort of conferences are carried on, so long will the Mexican government be able to laugh in its sleeve at our childlike trust and confidence. It is to be noted in this connection, that none of our officials have ever asked for such a conference, but that they enter into them at the request of the Mexican authorities.

Governor Hobby is well known in Texas. He has had business dealings with many Texas people and has always been known as an upright, conscientious man, with whom it was a pleasure to deal.

Governor Hobby undoubtedly found him a pleasant, courteous gentleman, one with whom it was a pleasure to treat. But that is not all that is required when one enters into affairs of state. It is then necessary for both of the contracting parties to be properly accredited and to have the necessary powers to enter into agreements on all subjects of which they treat.

There was no doubt of Governor Hobby's powers to enter into agreements which would be to the mutual advantage of both Texas and Mexico. But there is a decided question as to Governor Zambrano's powers, especially as he was the nominal representative of a man who has never kept an agreement which he entered into, and whose word is not respected even by his followers.

If there are diplomatic arrangements to be entered into between the United States and Mexico, it would be well that our federal department of state and that of the Mexican government do the negotiating. Even then there is a doubt as to the result, so far as the United States is concerned.

The permission granted diplomatically through the proper channels by President Carranza for our troops to cross the border in pursuit of Villa was revoked and even denied as soon as it went into effect. Other promises given by Carranza—some of them by Carranza in person and others through his diplomatic representatives—have been broken at Carranza's will, and he seems to be surprised that anyone should believe he ever intended to keep them.

Ambassador Fletcher is now in Washington treating of important affairs in our relations with Mexico. Mexico's representative in Washington will no doubt be called into conference before some of the matters are settled. But nothing will be left to guesswork, and whatever our country decides upon will have to be accepted by Mexico or rejected.

As a matter of friendly feeling between the two countries, the conference is indicative of our disposition. If it results in nothing, we shall not be out anything, except the governor's time expended in coming to the border for the conference. And it is a good thing for the governor—any governor—to come to Laredo once in a while and see for himself how things are going.

GERMAN DEMOCRACY.

A recent editorial in a state newspaper calls attention to the fact that if Generals Franz Sigel and Carl Schurz were alive their attitude toward the present German government would be one of open and direct hostility. And the basis for the statement is that the distinguished German-Americans left their native land because of the tyranny of its rulers and because they saw the beckoning hand of Liberty inviting them to come to America.

When the Civil War broke out the German-Americans of the North were among the first to offer their services, for they were ardent disciples of democracy and freedom, and they were opposed to slavery in any form, as well as to the aristocratic idea as exemplified in the slave-holding class.

A new society is now being formed which promises well for the Germany of the future. It is called "The Society of Friends of German Democracy," and it is an effort "to bring together all those of German birth or descent who accept the president's policy that we have gone to war with the German people, but with the German government, and whose victory would

mean the triumph of a principle that is hateful to the spirit of democracy." Says the Galveston News: "Two kinds of Germans have immigrated to the United States. One is made up of men who were attracted by the freedom which this country offered. The other is made of men who were attracted by the economic opportunities it presented."

The new society, in its bulletin lately issued, says: "What would have been the stand taken by men like Franz Sigel and Carl Schurz had they lived to see this gigantic struggle of democracy against autocracy? Can there be the slightest doubt that they would have ranged themselves unhesitatingly on the side of democracy and fought until Hohenzollern and Hapsburg despotism lay humbled in the dust? To doubt this is to besmirch the memory of these men."

There is something so wholesome, so attractive, in this latest move on the part of German-Americans whose loyalty no one can doubt, that it should meet with the approval of all Americans who are in sympathy with the president's aim to "make the world safe for democracy."

The Germans of a previous generation who came to the United States were forced to leave their native land because of the failure of the abortive revolution of 1848, when Prussian monarchy triumphed over German democracy. They realized that there was no room for them in a monarchy which was bent upon stifling the people's aspirations towards freedom. They realized that the triumph of the monarchy over the people was an anachronism in these later days, when the world was striving for freedom.

They were among the best citizens our country has ever had. They gave their lives on the field of battle, they dedicated themselves to civic advancement, they worthily filled chairs in our house and senate, they helped purify politics and above all, they did much toward the advancement and the progress of our school systems.

Most of them in the past few years have declared their sympathy with the German cause through a mistaken notion that Great Britain and other Entente nations were really attempting to wipe Germany off the map. They have been disabused of this notion, and they are now among the most determined opponents of the modern German idea—that is, the absolute submission of the German people to the will of the tyrants.

A propaganda of publicity on the part of the German democrats will aid much in bringing about their desired end—the freedom of the German people and the privilege of following up the ideals which have inspired German poets and thinkers for centuries past.

One cannot believe that a people animated by such great minds as Goethe and Schiller can be absolutely blind to the wrongs inflicted upon the world, as well as upon themselves, by a tyrannical rule of an absolute monarch. And the victory in this struggle may be brought about by the Germans realizing that they need be slaves no longer than they desire.

When American railroad men are arrested in Russia without warrant and without justification, there would seem to be no reason why we should continue trying to lift the moujik out of the mud in which he seems to prefer to roll. Once a slave, always a slave, and the Russian seems to have only exchanged Nicholas for Wilhelm.

CRIMINAL DOCKET CALLED TODAY IN DISTRICT COURT

Four Cases Called for Trial and Disposed of This Morning and Other Cases on Trial This Afternoon.

The criminal docket was taken up in the district court of the Forty-ninth Judicial District in this city this morning, and the cases set several days ago were called for trial in their turn. A jury to serve for the week was empaneled and up to noon today the following cases had been disposed of:

State of Texas vs. Jose Ybarra, theft under \$50. Tried by jury, found guilty, and given three months in the Webb county jail.

State of Texas vs. Antonio Flores, burglary. Tried by jury, found guilty and given two years in the state penitentiary.

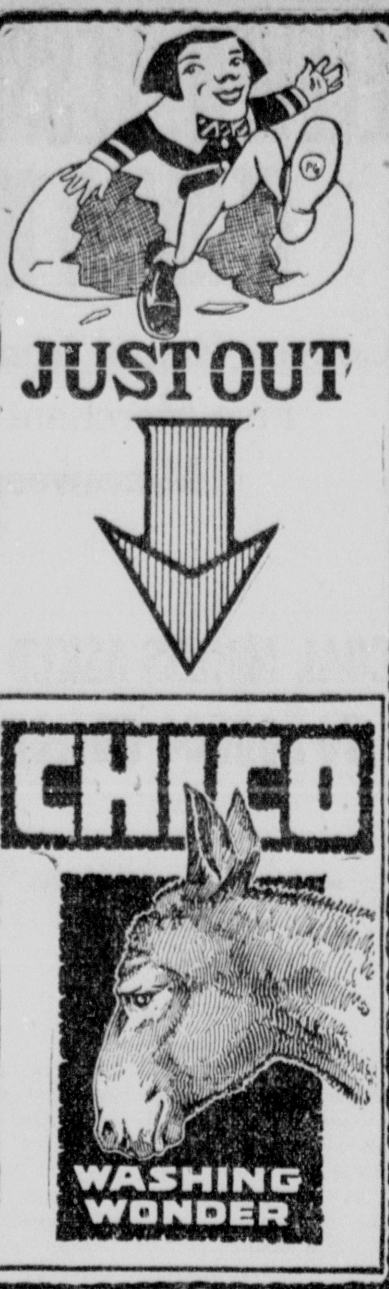
State vs. Porfirio Gomez, unlawfully carrying arms; given thirty days in the county jail.

State vs. A. E. Garcia, aggravated assault; fined \$25.

Woodmen Gave Banquet.

Olive Camp No. 3170, W. O. W., after their election of officers last night gave a banquet at the Club Cafe complimentary to the soldiers who are Woodmen. There were many in attendance and all enjoyed themselves hugely. Judge Chapin made a humorous address which produced gales of laughter. The officers elected for the ensuing term are: Ed. H. Sanchez, P. C. C.; A. P. Joseph, C. C.; L. F. Ochoa, Adv. Lieut.; J. R. Fasnacht, Clerk; Albert Offer, Banker; A. L. Herbeck, Escort; M. Castillo, Watchman; A. R. Chapa, Sentry; H. J. Hamilton, Physician; W. E. Bryan, J. F. Longoria and A. L. Vidaurri, Managers.

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"ORDER IT WITH THE GROCERIES"

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

County of Webb.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in a certain cause therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Mrs. Carlota G. Chacon and husband B. Chacon are defendants, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Carlota G. Chacon and B. Chacon on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$256.69 with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and for costs of suit, viz:

Lots No's. 4 and 5, in Block No. 8 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

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How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

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For those suffering from chronic or acute pulmonary and bronchial troubles, or coughs or colds, is
ECKMAN'S ALTERNATIVE
The Calcium preparation which may be taken by the average person without disturbing digestion. An efficient tonic and tissue builder. Contains no Alcohol, Narcotic or Habit-Forming Drug.
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Sold by all leading druggists.
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The Laredo Boys at Camp Bowie

Some Personal Notes Regarding What "Our Boys" Are Doing in Texas National Guard Camp at Fort Worth

By G. C. Arnoux, Special Correspondent for the Laredo Times.

With the Texas troops at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Dec. 16.—The quarantine at Camp Bowie, which was to have been lifted Wednesday night, has been continued for an indefinite period, according to an order given out tonight by Major General Greble, commander of the camp. It is believed, however, that it will finally be taken off in time for the soldiers to do their Christmas shopping. The continuance of the quarantine measures, according to Lieut. Col. Metcalf, division surgeon, does not mean that it has not been a successful measure in combating the epidemic of disease, but it has been prolonged so that no possible factor may hinder or interrupt the rapid improvement that has set in in the last few days, and it is the expectation of the medical department that health at Camp will again be normal in two weeks time or shortly after. The total number of cases of illness in the base hospital today stood at 1,698, which is a drop of nearly 100 cases in the past two days, although the number is still far over the normal. Fifteen new cases of mumps, six new cases of measles, and one of pneumonia were received in the base hospital today.

The Laredo men are to receive tomorrow or next day new army overcoats and those that already have not sweaters will be given one. Seven carloads of overcoats have arrived from New York, containing nearly 25,000 regulation coats, and in addition to these the Red Cross is furnishing sweaters and comforts. Thousands of comforts and blankets are pouring in from all sections of the state and country, and by the last of this week it is announced that every man in camp will have all the cover he can possibly need.

The Laredo men have taken their share of honors in the awarding of commissions and in addition to the commission given Regimental Sergeant E. J. Moser, First Sergeant Albert E. Cousineau has been made a commissioned officer and has been attached to his same company. These commissions have not yet been officially announced at division headquarters, but they are actively in effect at the regiments, and the boys have purchased their gold hat cords and braid that denotes an officer.

The permanent top sergeant of Company B, to take the place of former First Sergeant Cousineau has not yet been selected at this writing but Sergeant Adam Bold has been appointed to act in his place temporarily and he may be given the place for good. If he is, this will leave a vacancy in his place and a general promotion down the line will take place.

One Laredo man was taken to the hospital not long ago and is considered seriously ill with pneumonia. He is Pedro Garza of Company B. The general health of the Laredo men is very good, and much above that of the other South Texas men who seem to have furnished the main majority of those at Camp who have succumbed to the various sickness that have been prevalent. Captain Edward Matson of C Company has been under the weather for the past few days with a cold but is on deck again O. K.

Only one Laredo visitor has been around Camp lately, according to the boys of Company B. He was Superintendent DeWolf of the Texas-Mexican railway, who came up to see the boys in general.

Newly Commissioned Lieutenant Cousineau had his first assignment as an officer not long ago as commander of the guard when the Laredo men went on regimental guard duty. Sergeant Henry Elstetter was sergeant of the guard the same night. The La-

redo corporals who officiated in the guard details were Corporals Earl Brennan, Dewey Simpson, John Gray, Jr., and Mike Barrera. It was one of the coldest nights of the year and the men were unable to keep out one intruder who made life pretty uncomfortable for those who did not have plenty of blankets and other bed clothes. That intruder was a keen north wind which cut to the bone, and made guard duty doubly difficult. The first really bitter cold spell of the season put in its appearance late Friday night and Sunday morning the temperature went down to 12 degrees above the zero mark.

Randall Nye, who has had the "swelled head" for the past week or ten days, with an attack of the mumps, has recovered his natural facial landscape, and is now over his indisposition.

Sergeant Tom Guernsey, Jr. has been given a detail as drill master and will take a course of instruction to learn the details of the new English drill system which will be taught the American troops in the future. The English system is quite different from the American. The British Tommies take 140 cadence to the minute while the Americans take only 120 and the British step is 25 inches long while the American is 30. The manual of arms is also different. It is not expected that the American system will be discarded but at times it may be necessary for the two nations to march side by side in France and a knowledge of the other's system would at that time be valuable.

The Laredo men have been on the range last week, and made some good scores. Corporal John McCormack led the company with a score of 163 out of a possible 175. Company Clerk Smith is nursing a cold this week, but is not seriously indisposed.

In Battery F of the 131st Field Artillery, Joe Cullinan of Laredo has been managing a winter baseball team which expects to take on all comers when it gets to France, and Supply Sergeant Carlos Richter of Battery C of the 131st, is busy issuing overcoats and olive drab wool uniforms.

Pay day is still in the future for the Laredo men but they are looking for it any time now.

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DARIO SANCHEZ,
Trustee of the Samuel Alonzo Yates Estate, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.

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Tickets on Sale Daily with ninety (90) days limit.

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THE GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE ACTED ON SEVERAL MATTERS

TENDS TO BRING ABOUT BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TWO NATIONS.

Governor Zambrano Urged Texas Governor to Use Influence to Have Food Embargo Removed; Labor Problem Was Discussed and Headtax Asked to Be Removed.

At the conference between Governor Hobby of Texas and Governor Zambrano of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, held in both Nuevo Laredo and Laredo yesterday, the following matters were discussed and acted upon:

Questions in general pertaining to relations between Texas and Mexico, with a view to reaching a better understanding between the two nations and working in co-operation. Both governors being new men in their official positions, the meeting brought before them actual conditions existing at this time along the border.

They discussed the matter of the maintenance of law and order along the border with respect to having the best and highest class of men to perform this work and do this service.

They agreed on co-operation in the work of running down bandits operating near the boundary line.

Governor Zambrano of Mexico laid stress on the fact that Mexico desired a modification of or removal of the United States embargo on foodstuffs, saying this would tend to better relations between the two countries.

Regarding the heavy exodus of Mexican laborers from this country to Mexico, Governor Zambrano assured Governor Hobby that he would exert his best efforts in assuring the Mexicans who are not citizens of the United States, but who are leaving this country, that if they remained in the United States to pursue their labors they would not be subject to military service by being drafted. Governor Hobby in turn assured Governor Zambrano that the Mexican laborers would have the protection of both the state and the nation if they remained in this country and continued their work.

Governor Zambrano suggested to the Texas governor that he use his best efforts and recommend a removal of the United States immigration headtax of eight dollars for each Mexican immigrant entering this country, stating that this tax had a tendency to keep many Mexican laborers out of the United States. Governor Hobby assured the Mexican representative that he would use his influence to the end of having the federal tax modified or removed.

At 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the members of Governor Hobby's party returned to the American side of the Rio Grande and proceeded to the Bender Hotel, where they had dinner. At about 2:30 o'clock the Texas governor, accompanied by members of his party and a military escort, met Governor Zambrano and his party, including General Reynaldo Garza, at the international bridge, and escorted them to Fort McIntosh, where a reception and review of the troops stationed out there was held. Governors Hobby and Zambrano and General Garza being on horseback and occupying a place of vantage with Colonel Ferguson and Capt. Herr as the troops passed. In the review were all branches of the military stationed here. The spectacle made a deep impression on the Mexican officials and they praised the excellent appearance of the American soldiery. Following the review the gubernatorial parties proceeded to the federal courtroom and there concluded their deliberations and acted on several important matters coming before the conference. Perfect harmony prevailed and both governors were much pleased with the outcome of the conference which began in Nuevo Laredo in the forenoon and ended in Laredo in the afternoon.

At 6:30 last evening Governors Hobby and Zambrano and their re-

tinues and several other invited guests, were present at the banquet given at the Hotel Hamilton by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce. During the banquet there was plenty of music, an orchestra being in the hall leading to the dining room, while the Thirty-seventh Infantry Band was stationed on Jarvis Plaza only a short distance away. Following the banquet the members of the governor's parties shook hands all around and at 10 o'clock Governor Hobby and his party left for Austin.

At the banquet last night a number of short talks were made, principal of which were those of Governor Hobby and Governor Zambrano, both of whom spoke in commendatory terms of the treatment accorded them while in Laredo and also praised the patriotic spirit that was manifested here on every hand. The banquet was a grand success in every particular and much enjoyed by all present.

A pleasant surprise that came to Mrs. Hobby while in Nuevo Laredo with her husband and party was the reception arranged in her honor by the wife of the Mexican governor and the ladies of Nuevo Laredo. Mrs. Hobby was met by a committee of ladies and taken in charge and escorted to the place where a large number of Mexican ladies awaited. Here tea was served and felicitations and a general reception was held in honor of the wife of the Texas governor. Mrs. Hobby was unstinted in her appreciation and praise of the hospitality of Señora Zambrano and the ladies of Nuevo Laredo generally.

DEATH OF LIEUT. COUSINEAU CASTS GLOOM OVER LAREDO

ONE OF SOLDIERS FROM THIS CITY DIED AT CAMP BOWIE.

Former U. S. Soldier, Railroadman and Militiaman Gains Promotion and Then is Claimed By Death.

When a telegram reached Laredo yesterday from Camp Bowie announcing the death of Lieutenant A. E. Cousineau it came as a flash of lightning from a clear sky and a gloom of sorrow was cast over the community, for while a number of friends had learned that he was confined to the base hospital at Camp Bowie with pneumonia, they did not believe that his condition was serious.

"Jake" Cousineau was well and favorably known in Laredo and was an exemplary young man, being of that trait of character that was clean and honest, while those who classed themselves as his friends knew him for his many good deeds and his assistance whenever it was needed. Coming to Laredo a number of years ago as an enlisted man of the United States army after having served in the Philippines and elsewhere, he retired from the army when his time expired and made Laredo his home.

About six years ago he entered the employ of the Texas-Mexican Ry. Co. as a fireman, and about three years ago successfully passed the required examination and was made engineer. When the call for United States trainmen was issued by President Wilson last June calling for railroad men for foreign service, "Jake" Cousineau in July secured an indefinite leave of absence from the railroad company here and went to Fort Sam Houston to join the American railroaders, but he reached San Antonio a day too late—for the first contingent of railroad men had been secured and were on their way.

Somewhat discouraged at his failure to get into the first contingent of railroad men from this country, Jake Cousineau enlisted in Company I, Second Texas Infantry, (which was the Laredo militia company known as the Milmo Rifles), and soon was made first sergeant, a rank for which he was fully qualified by previous military service. Among the men recently recommended for commissions from the Texas troops at Camp Bowie was Sergeant Cousineau, who only a few days ago was made Lieutenant Cousineau, and it was just after he had received his promotion that he was stricken ill with a relapse of pneumonia.

Funeral at Plainview.

Deceased was a native of North Texas, aged about 35 years, and leaves his parents and other relatives, who reside near Amarillo. Advice received by the Masonic lodge here yesterday afternoon stated that the body of Lieutenant Cousineau would be sent from Camp Bowie to Laredo, leaving there today, but a telegram received this afternoon says the body is en route to the old home in Plainview, Texas, where the funeral will be held.

GRANDMOTHER KNEW

There Was Nothing So Good for Congestion and Colds as Mustard

But the old-fashioned mustard-plaster burned and blistered while it acted. Get the relief and help that mustard plasters gave, without the plaster and without the blister.

Musterole does it. It is a clean, white ointment, made with oil of mustard. It is scientifically prepared, so that it works wonders, and yet does not blister the tenderest skin.

Just massage Musterole in with the finger-tips gently. See how quickly it brings relief—how speedily the pain disappears.

Use Musterole for sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia), 30c and 60c jars; hospital size \$2.50.



WHAT IT IS DOING.

The Galveston News has one of the most concise statements as a reason why all should become Christmas Red Cross Members that we have seen. It is well worth reprinting, as it may call to the attention of some of the torpid and indolent citizens of Laredo the fact that they owe to themselves, to their city and their country, certain duties which cannot be shoved off onto the shoulders of the other fellow. These are some of the things the Red Cross has done and is doing:

Commissions have been sent to France, Russia, Italy, Rumania and Saloniki.

Thirty thousand soldiers in France are served daily at canteens.

Thousands of Belgian and French children are being cared for.

Warehouses with a capacity of 100,000 tons have been built in France.

A sanatorium with 1,000 beds for tubercular patients has been established.

An ambulance service which transports 1,000 refugees a day is in operation in France.

Relief and repair work in devastated towns is carried on.

One million dollars has been given to the families of the sick and wounded French soldiers.

Another million dollars has been given to the British Red Cross.

Three million pounds of milk has been sent to the babies of Russia.

As the News says, these are only some of the things that the Red Cross is doing. And your dollar has done its share in every one of these things—that is, if you gave it early enough. And if you did not, there are still many other things which remain for our Red Cross to do—yours and mine.

Laredo has done much, in proportion to her population, to aid in all this work. But Laredo is capable of doing much more. And we believe that the people of Laredo will do all that is expected of them and more still.

There are infinite capabilities in the Red Cross work. It can soothe the sick or wounded soldier, it can care for the civilians who are made homeless by the vandalism of the barbarian enemy, it can restore hope and confidence to the discouraged and despairing, it can look after the families of those who are now "doing their bit" in a foreign land. And at all times it can exemplify the Christmas spirit which now animates all of us, despite our sorrow at the departure of our loved ones.

The underlying principle of Christianity is service; the underlying principle of the world-wide Red Cross is also service, and the emblem—the color of the blood of all humanity, and the symbol of the sacrifice made for all the world—better typifies Christian service today than many of the churches.

The injunction: "Go ye into all the world," was never better fulfilled than by this great organization which, without distinction of race, creed or color, has given its aid to many diverse peoples.

The Red Cross demands of the people not only service but money. The least one can give is a little money, when so many are giving not only money but their personal service.

A dollar is all that is asked of each individual for a year's membership. A dollar represents little personal sacrifice, and yet it means much in purchasing power for the Red Cross.

Did it ever occur to you how many dollars the time of the devoted women of Laredo and all the other cities throughout the United States would be worth if they were to be paid for what they are doing cheerfully and willingly?

You who would not be willing to give even a day of your time might well give the value of that day in a purely business sense. If you feel that you can afford more, the contribution list is always open, but if you don't feel that you can give more than the dollar, at least put your name down and become an active member of the Red Cross.

A CORN DEMONSTRATION.

For several years past Señor Zeferino Dominguez, known as the "Corn King of Mexico," because of his success in growing corn where others had failed, has been giving lectures in various parts of the United States as well as Mexico on the possibilities of corn culture under the dry farming method.

He carries with him a moving picture film which shows his methods of culture from the seed to the harvested crop. The film portrays the success which follows proper culture, and demonstrates the fact that anyone can successfully grow corn who will follow the rules.

The other morning Señor Dominguez was announced to give a lecture and show his views to an audience at the Royal theater. It may have been, as some suggest, that insufficient publicity was given the announcement. It may have been, as some others suggest, that Webb county farmers are not interested in dry farming. But there was hardly any excuse possible for the fact that only nineteen persons were present, only three of whom were Americans.

The farmers of Webb county, especially those who are engaged in onion raising, are rather busy at present, busy as they were a few weeks ago, still busy at their tasks of planting. Many others are occupied

in preparing for Christmas, while still others are doing Red Cross work.

But it seems incredible that a man of Señor Dominguez' standing should have been shown such a discourtesy by the people of Laredo. The lecture was free, the topic is of sufficient importance to interest all, and the high standing of the lecturer was sufficient guarantee that the subject would be treated in an interesting and instructive manner.

The citizens will be given another opportunity tomorrow morning to hear this noted agriculturist talk on the subject that is nearest to his heart, and which should be of supreme importance to our people at this critical time.

The old saying about the man who makes two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before surely applies to Señor Dominguez. He has made corn to grow where none grew before; he has increased the yield of corn in places where the staple grain was nothing but corn; he has made it possible to grow corn where the scanty rainfall and the impossibility of storing water for irrigation made all crops problematical.

If he can increase the yield of corn in this section by showing the farmers how to handle their crops from seed-time to harvest; if he can increase the yield per acre by improved cultivation; if he can increase the yield from the small amount now grown to a point where we shall not have to import from other sections for our own use, he will have done something for us that will be beyond estimating in mere dollars and cents.

None of us are too old to learn. We have progressed beyond the old haphazard methods of farming, and we have reached the point where we are willing to take the advice of our farm demonstrating agent, with profitable results so far and promise of greater results in the future.

No longer does the average farmer think he knows more than the "book farmers," but on the contrary the agricultural bulletins are eagerly read and digested by the farmers of this section.

By all means go and hear Señor Dominguez tell how he improved corn breeds to make them drought resistant, how he husbanded the scanty moisture of the semiarid regions, how frequent cultivation conserves the moisture and prevents excessive evaporation—in fact, all the mysteries of dry farming.

A man who has made a success in any line of business is entitled to tell others how to succeed. It is only the failures who are doomed to keep their mouths shut, unless they are willing to tell how and why they failed.

Another Spanish steamer sunk by a German submarine indicates the imminence of another Spanish protest. But what's the use, Alfonso? You won't do anything else so long as you are afraid of Wilhelm.

Another complaint that the war department delayed work was made before the house committee yesterday. This time it was the rifles. Perhaps the people will soon learn that a layman's interference with technical work hardly pays.

GIRL'S STATEMENT WILL HELP LAREDO.

Here is the girl's own story: "For years I had dyspepsia, sour stomach and constipation. I drank hot water and olive oil by the gallon. Nothing helped until I tried buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika. ONE SPOONFUL helped me INSTANTLY." Because Adler-ika flushes the ENTIRE alimentary tract it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICKEST action of anything we ever sold. The City Drug Co.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of City taxes for the year 1917. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. de LACHICA,
City Tax Collector,
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Trustee of the Samuel Alonzo Yates Estate, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.

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Such tobacco enjoyment

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Prince Albert gives you every tobacco satisfaction your smoke-appetite ever hankered for. That's because it's made by a patented process that cuts out bite and parch! Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality!

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R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.

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Lot No. 3 in Block No. 933, and all of Block No. 941 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

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Block No. 764 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers

A Warning.

The public is hereby warned that no firing of cannon crackers or fire arms will be tolerated during the holidays and anyone caught violating this warning will be arrested and severely dealt with.

M. BRENNAN,
City Marshal.
12-15-17t.

Helps Sick Women

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me . . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

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Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2782 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Robert L. Muller is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Robert L. Muller on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$6.10 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Blocks No's. 432, 434 and 444, in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2770 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Enrique Rangel is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Enrique Rangel on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$28.80 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lots No's. 5 and 7 in Block No. 480, in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Get rid of this badly digested food as quickly as possible if you would avoid a bilious attack; HERBINE is the remedy you need. It cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels, and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 60c. per month.

TEXAS RANGERS GET READY AND ESTABLISH QUARTERS

COMPANIES OF CAPTS. WRIGHT AND RYAN STATIONED HERE.

Headquarters of New Ranger Companies Will Be Maintained Here; Men Operate Along Rio Grande.

Two of the new state ranger companies which are to establish their headquarters in Laredo and operate in the country up and down the Rio Grande from here, are now preparing to go into quarters. Both companies will have secured their quarters by the first of the year and begin the work to which they were assigned in this section of the state.

The company of rangers under Capt. Will T. Wright, former sheriff of Wilson county, have secured the Lecea house on the Heights as their quarters, the company is up to the full quota of fifteen men, and they will look after the territory along the Rio Grande from Laredo southeast as far as Samfordyce. The company will be scattered in small groups between here and the place named and maintain a rigid patrol of the border front.

The company under Captain Will Ryan, which is not yet up to its full quota of men, but will be within the next few days, will establish their quarters in the northwestern portion of Laredo and their jurisdiction or territory will extend from Laredo northwestward up the Rio Grande as far as Eagle Pass, Captain Ryan having his men also scattered along the route to keep the river front under a strict patrol at all times.

With the two ranger companies watching out for bandits and other desperadoes who may attempt depredations on ranches, and the United States military detachments also maintaining rigid patrol of the country along the contours of the Rio Grande, Laredo will be safe from any trouble of this kind, while the outlying districts in both directions will have the protection of both the rangers and the detachments of soldiery which will constantly be on duty.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE MAILED BUT NUMBER UNDELIVERED

Board Furnished List of Registrants Not Located and Requests Information Regarding Whereabouts.

The Webb County Exemption Board has mailed out more than 400 of the questionnaires to registrants in this county, and they are requested to comply with the request to immediately furnish the answers to the questions in the blanks and return them as soon as possible.

The postmaster has returned the following questionnaires as not having been delivered on account of faulty address or the parties having left the city, and if anyone knows the address of any of them they are requested to give the information to the exemption board, the registrants not located being the following:

Jose Armenta, 602 Houston St.
Carlos Andrade, 1417 Flores Ave.
Trinidad Cruz, 400 San Eduardo Ave.
Octaviano Chavez, 1908 Farragut St.
Juan Manuel Cantero, 713 San Agustine Ave.
Facundo Degollado, 701 Water St.
Daniel Estrada, 914 San Francisco Ave.
Jose Esparza, 118 San Francisco Ave.
Pedro Esparza, 1108 San Francisco Ave.
Julian Flores, 1503 Benavides St.
Jose Garcia, Santa Maria Ave.
Mannuel Garza, 614 San Pablo Ave.
Delfino Gonzales, Mochetuma St.
Mannuel Herrera, 214 Lincoln St.
Geronimo Lopez, 2008 Sta. Ursula Ave.

Daniel Llanez, 1023 Callaghan St.
Ruperto Martinez, 204 San Bernar-

For a Corn-Peeling Picnic, Use "Gets-It"

Pain Eases at Once, Corn Just Dies! Do your corn-riding easily, with a smile—the banana-peel way. That's the "Gets-It" way—the only way—your corn or callus comes off complete as though it were glad to get off.



"Gets-It" has cured more corns than all other remedies combined. It's as sure as the sunrise, and as safe as water. Used by millions. Don't take a chance with your feet. You can't afford to experiment with unknown mixtures when you know "Gets-It" never fails. "Gets-It" will remove any corn or callus. Wear those new, stylish shoes or pumps if you want to—go ahead and dance. Demand "Gets-It"—throw substitutes back on the counter! 25c is all you need pay at any drug store, or it will be sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Use it in Laredo and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by G. C. Horner.

City Drug Co.

People's Phcy. (Flavio Vargas, Prop.)

AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE BY THE MEXICAN CORN KING

WILL BE GIVEN AT STRAND THEATER TOMORROW EVENING

By Words and Pictures Zeferino Dominguez Will Tell How to Get Big Yields of Corn From Plantings.

Zeferino Dominguez, the "corn king" of Mexico, who has been sent out over Mexico by the department of agriculture of that country to lecture on his methods of scientific culture of corn, these lectures being illustrated by stereoscopic views, has made arrangements whereby he will deliver an illustrated lecture at the Strand Theater tomorrow evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock during the regular motion picture performance.

By oral explanation and photographic views Mr. Dominguez will explain the scientific methods employed by himself in the planting, cultivating and harvesting of corn crops on his large plantation in Mexico, as well as explaining all matters in connection with the work and the handling of the farm hands doing the cultivation work. The lectures being delivered throughout Mexico are free of any charge. Mr. Dominguez being in the employ of the Mexican government, which is at this time encouraging Mexican farmers to plant extensively of corn for home consumption, as corn is one of the principal articles of food of the poorer element in Mexico. As the food production proposition is now paramount in the minds of the nations of the entire world, scientific methods that will conduce to bounteous yields are sought by the agriculturists of all countries. For this reason the "corn king" of Mexico decided to come to the American side of the Rio Grande while in Northeastern Mexico and give the American farmers hereabouts the benefit of his experience.

In Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, where he delivered an illustrated lecture to about one thousand people gathered in a large hall there on Tuesday night, Mr. Dominguez attracted much interest. He also has with him a private car in which he carries an excellent display of corn raised by him through scientific methods, and he invites the people of Laredo who are interested in the matter to go over to Nuevo Laredo, inspect the demonstration and possibly benefit by what they see. The Mexican government will not allow the car to leave the country. The pictures used in the lecture are called "The Romance of Corn."

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

DECEMBER 20.
Robert Lee Williams, upon whom, as governor of Oklahoma, rested the grave responsibility for the restoration of law and order in regions of the State where the draft was recently resisted, was born at Brundidge, Ala., 49 years ago today. Soon after completing his education at Southern University and being admitted to the bar in his native State, he trekked to the Indian Territory, in 1896, and grew up with the region, first serving as a district attorney, then entering into control of the Democratic Party's interests as a member of the Territorial Committee, also sitting in the 1906-07 convention as a maker of the Oklahoma State Constitution, and, as soon as the State Government was set up, becoming chief justice of the supreme court of the new State. In this post he served from 1907 to 1915, resigning in the latter year to accept election to the governorship. As a jurist of experience, with loyalty to liberty under law, Governor Williams dealt vigorously, but fairly, with the recent trying situation.

Notice to the Public.
On and after December first, Mr. M. M. Holland will be with the Border Foundry and Machine Co. We will be in a position to handle outside engine and pump work; also automobile and truck work. Oxygen acetylene welding and cutting. We will do our best to please you.

CON MIMS, Manager.
11-24-17t.

FOR RENT
Modern offices, suitable for professional and business men. Immediate possession. Light, heat and janitor service. Apply to
I. ALEXANDER.
10-26-17t.

do Ave.
Avelino Mireles, 1319 San George Ave.
Carlos Gilberto Palacios, 916 Main Ave.
Mannuel Rodriguez, 612 Water St.
Pedro Rodarte, 1111 Grant St.
Zeferino Ruiz, 814 Scott St.
Callisto Rodriguez, 1103 Sta. Ursula Ave.
Rossi Salvatore, 1315 Hidalgo St.
Fortunato Saucedo, 1214 San Bernardino Ave.
Lorenzo Vasquez, 1014 Flores Ave.
Atanacio Villareal, 1419 Sta. Ursula Ave.
Juan Francisco Carrete, 711 Sta. Isabel Ave.
Felipe Cejudo, 2016 Houston St.
Sabas R. Flores, 702 Corpus Christi St.
Daniel Pineda, 1513 Furber St.

From Friday's Daily.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

County of Webb.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2748 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Luciano B. Navarro is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against the said Luciano B. Navarro on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$32.90 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lot No. 8 in Block No. 253 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2749 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Cipriana Delgado is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Cipriana Delgado on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$36.40 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lot No. 2 in Block No. 276 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 21.

- 1814—The British approached New Orleans and General Jackson and his forces advanced to meet them.
- 1829—Laura D. Bridgman, a blind deaf-mute who acquired a liberal education, born at Hanover, N. H. Died in Boston, May 24, 1889.
- 1849—San Francisco experienced its first great fire.
- 1866—The Sioux Indians massacred and scalped three officers and 90 privates at Fort Philip Kearney, near Big Horn, Wyoming.
- 1889—Twenty thousand coal miners began a great strike in the Charleroi district of Belgium.
- 1891—One hundred and fifty persons were drowned at Cordova, Argentina, in a flood resulting from the bursting of a canal.
- 1895—Rev. John M. Farley was consecrated auxiliary bishop of New York.
- 1900—Count von Blumenthal, the last of the great German generals who fought in the Franco-Prussian war, died. Born July 30, 1810.
- 1916—Both houses of the Danish parliament ratified the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.
- THE WAR:
 - 1914—Russians massed troops before Warsaw.
 - 1915—German Reichstag voted war credit of \$2,500,000,000.
 - 1916—President Wilson warned Europe that acts of belligerents had brought the United States to verge of war.

TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS

TODAY.

DECEMBER 21.

David L. Brainard, one of the new brigadier generals of the United States Army, is 61 years old today. General Brainard is a New Yorker who entered the army as a private in the cavalry, and by sheer merit has won his way up to his present high rank. Some 20 years ago or more he began to make his mark in the commissary department of the army, and since that time has specialized in that form of service with great profit to the army. Previously he had had the usual round of post duty, with not infrequent service against the Indians of the West. But his most romantic experience during the early part of his career, while yet a sergeant, was the aid he gave on several Arctic expeditions, in which he represented the army and the Government. He went with the Howgate expedition in 1880, and with the more famous Greeley expedition the following year, of which he was one of seven rescued by Captain Schley in 1884. For his valor and general serviceability on this expedition to Greenland, on which he penetrated the north to a point surpassing all prior searches, he was honored by formal action by learned societies at home and abroad.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

County of Webb.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered, in a certain cause therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and Julian Gutierrez and Catarina G. Gutierrez are defendants, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Julian Gutierrez and Catarina G. Gutierrez on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$24.80 with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and for costs of suit, viz:

Lot No. 5 in Block No. 314 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2753 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and José Ochoa is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said José Ochoa on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$64.40 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lots No's. 1, 2, 3 and 4, in Block No. 371 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2747 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Julian Granados, Jr. is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Julian Granados, Jr. on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$212.00 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lots No's. 4 and 5 in Block No. 88 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfelci
Editor . . . Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

Reception at the High School from 3 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Red Cross Surgical Room will be open at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, with Mrs. L. Nelson in charge.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 2 will hold their regular weekly meeting at the Public Library at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Women's Club will entertain with a program at the Army Y. M. C. A. in the evening.

Saturday.

Ladies Night at the 37th Infantry Club.

Is all our world upon a counter laid? That is their want who say they know us well.

Then, like true merchants, let us to our trade; What wares has God to sell?

A world at liberty, a path made clear For steadfast justice and enduring peace.

Nations released forever from the fear Of evil days like these—

A sound investment! but . . . the price is high.

Long-hoarded wealth in ruin, flame and steel.

Death lurking in the sea and in the sky—

What say you? Shall we deal? Shall we know terror, shall our strong ones fall?

That others' children, fearless in the sun, May see our visions and accomplish all.

That we must leave undone? We take Thy bargain, Master of the Mart,

Though we may flinch, we can not turn away.

Send Thy resistless fire upon our heart And make us strong to pay.

—Amelia Josephine Barr (George H. Doran Company, New York. Copyright.)

General Mention.

Mrs. M. Devine and Miss Mary Devine are in San Antonio for a short stay.

Miss Lurline Davis is expected home this week from Dallas to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Frank Nye returned on Wednesday from Fort Worth. She was accompanied home by her son, Mr. Randall Nye.

Miss Dorothy Stoner of Victoria arrived on Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Leslie Stoner.

The University students from Laredo, Guy Trout, Earnest Biskamp, James Greer, Raul de la Garza and Furney Muller, are expected home this week to spend the holidays.

Miss Louvena Siros will arrive today from Austin to spend the holidays at home.

Among those returning from school to spend the holidays here are: Messrs. Aurelio, Federico and Jose Ferrara, Raymond Gutierrez, Arturo Gonzalez, Alfredo Zertuche, Urbano Salinas, and Miss Irene Cruz. Misses Rosa Gonzalez and Antoinette Ligarte are expected this evening.

Announcement.

The Honor Guard Contest for the trench suit which is on display at Moser's store will close on Saturday evening at six o'clock. All those who are interested in helping this fund will only have today and tomorrow in which to buy the votes.

Red Cross Notes.

The following names have been added to the Red Cross Baby Roll: Dorothy Claire Brennan; Mhu Wormser, Mary Besse and Helen MacDonald, Anne McKinney, Jack Gulin, David Henry Echols, Floyd Davis, Chester Nye Jr., Charles Edward, William Arthur, Francis Joseph, and Mary Elizabeth Richter, Jean Elizabeth Windrow, Gladys Sauvignat, Mary Frances Masterson.

All members of the Red Cross who have costumes, even if they do not sing, are cordially invited to join the Christmas Carol Singers on Christmas Eve night. Those taking part will congregate at the Red Cross Headquarters at Elks Hall on Christmas Eve at 7:15 o'clock in the evening.

The procession will be headed by a number of Boy Scouts as torch bearers, and the 37th Infantry Band will furnish the music. The line of march will be: South on Salinas Ave. to Hidalgo; east on Hidalgo to Flores Ave.; thence south to City Hall, turning north on Flores Ave. to Farragut street; west on Farragut to

Jarvis Plaza; circle the Plaza, then in autos to the Army Post.

Heights Knitting Circle.

The Heights Red Cross Knitting Circle held their regular weekly meeting with Mrs. T. A. Bunn yesterday afternoon. The members turned in 36 sweaters, 10 mufflers, 8 pairs of mitts, 5 pairs of socks and 2 helmets. There was a fair attendance.

Heights Christmas Tree.

The following is the program for the Heights Christmas Tree to be given Saturday, Dec. 22, at 6 o'clock in the evening, at the Heights School: On Christmas Day in the Morning.

Third Grade Santa's Assistant . . . Paula Chapa
Santa Claus . . . Second Grade
In December . . . Agnes Garcia
Dance . . . Dorothy Morton
Jest Fore Christmas . . . Jamie Dickey.
Bland Chamberlain, Amado Cava-zos and Edward Joseph.
Dear Old Santa Claus . . . Third Grade
A Christmas Carol . . . Teodora Garza
O, Christmas Tree . . . Third Grade
A Visit from Santa Claus and Distribution of Stockings.
Thank You, Santa Claus . . . Edna Tarver
Music and Specialties.

Christmas at Fort McIntosh.
Through the generosity of the officers of the Thirty-seventh Infantry and the Fourteenth Cavalry, the children at Fort McIntosh are to be given a Christmas entertainment on Christmas day at the Y. M. C. A. Presents and candy will be given to each child.

The affair is in charge of Mrs. Barry, wife of Lt. Col. Berry of the Thirty-seventh Infantry. The tree to be used on this occasion is loaned by the Woman's Club.

PERSONALS

Miss Virginia Roach, trained nurse, left yesterday for San Antonio, where she was called by Mrs. Salvador Madero.

HAMILTON:—J. F. Grasse, Chicago, Ill.; M. C. Peton, Torreon, Mex.; D. D. Davis, Dolores; M. Crebbs, H. E. Plummer, St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Baldrige, Rockdale; J. Guidina, V. Hernandez, Jose D. Alvarez, Mexico City; N. Z. Johnson, Temple; W. H. Gibson, Frank Putegnat, Laredo; M. M. Sloge, Ft. Worth; A. Garcia, St. Louis; Anchew Tatro, San Antonio; Louis Proal, Mexico City.

BENDER:—Grant Beltz, St. Louis, Mo.; W. A. Tibbals, New York; Greenwood Wooten, Austin; R. A. Lacaud, Mrs. J. Lacaud and daughter, San Antonio; Tim H. Moore, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.; Benton Ellis, Dallas; James McGreen, Cincinnati, O.; H. T. Laella, San Francisco, Cal.; F. Muñoz, Jr., E. B. Dresh, Miss E. M. Dresh, Mexico City; L. L. Franklin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. M. Blackwood, Pittsburgh, Pa.; L. L. James, San Antonio; Allen Buell, Jr., Tampico; M. C. Dunlap, Chillicothe, N. C.

FORMER LAREDO BOY WRITES OF HIS ARMY LIFE IN FRANCE

Lieut. Lawrence H. Earnest Tells of Farewell Concert for American Officers.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Earnest have received an interesting letter from their son, Lieut. Lawrence H. Earnest, "somewhere in France." The letter was nearly a month on the way, having been written Nov. 25th. He says it takes several days to distribute a mail.

Lieut. Earnest speaks of the "queer" weather they are having at present—the latter part of November, it having rained, sleeted and snowed the same day.

He closes a program of a "Soiree d'Adieu" which was given the American artillery officers by the inhabitants of the French city where they were staying, both the name of the theater and the city being carefully cut out from the program by the censor.

As Lieut. Earnest says: "I heard some of the best music and singing that I ever heard." And he might well say so, for among the list of those on the program were some of the most noted singers of France, from the Odeon, the French Opera and the Opera Comique.

The program was concluded by the singing of the American National Hymn—the program does not say which of the several we have come to recognize as our national hymn—by the American officers, and the singing of the Marseillaise by Mlle. Vauthrin, of the Opera Comique.

Altogether, life so far has not been disagreeable to this Laredo boy, who is still under instruction in the artillery school.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surface. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. P. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

CHICAGO PACKERS REFUSE TO DELIVER RECORD OF INDUSTRY TO GOVERNMENT

Charge that Ogden Armour Owns Stockyards Company Reiterated by Another Witness Before the Federal Trade Commission—Declared that Ostensible Ownership is But Dummy for Public.

GERMANS REJECTED RUSS PEACE TERMS

QUEBEC THREATENS TO SECEDE FROM CANADIAN CONFEDERATION BECAUSE OF CONSCRIPTION.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 21.—It is reported unofficially that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms, the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph wires under Thursday's date.

Quebec May Secede.
Quebec, Canada, Dec. 21.—A proposal that the province of Quebec secede from the consideration if Canadian provinces was proposed in a motion introduced into the provincial legislature assembly today. Quebec is the only province which voted against conscription at the recent election.

Nothing to Report.
London, Dec. 21.—Today's official statement says there is nothing to report.

Active Artillery Fighting.
Paris, Dec. 21.—Active artillery fighting on the Verdun east of the Meuse is reported by the war office. Artillery is also active at points on the eastern line.

Italians Retake Ground.
Rome, Dec. 21.—A considerable portion of the ground taken by the enemy on Tuesday in the region of Monte Asolone, on the northern front east of the Brenta river, has been retaken by the Italians, the war office announced today.

Confidence in Pershing.
Washington, Dec. 21.—Direct assurance of the confidence of both the British and the French commanders in General Pershing's ability and their satisfaction with the breadth and soundness of his preparations to make American arms effective on the Western front have reached Washington with the return from Europe of Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, former chief of staff, who conferred today with Secretary Baker and other war department officials.

Argentina Coming In.
Washington, Dec. 21.—A declaration of war against Germany by Argentina was regarded as almost certain in Latin-American diplomatic circles today as a result of new evidences of treachery disclosed by the publication last night of the series of Luxburg telegrams.

WOMEN PAINTERS AND SCULPTORS.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 21.—The annual exhibition of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors was opened today at the Peabody Institute in this city and will be continued until Jan. 21. The display this year is pronounced by the critics to be one of the best in the history of the association.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight cloudy. Saturday generally cloudy.

Local Weather Report.
The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 73 degs.
Min. temp. 60 degs.
General direction of wind: West.
Cloudy.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 21.—Swift and Company of Chicago have refused to deliver to the federal trade commission the records of their industry, and drastic action will be taken in court to enforce their production. Francis Henri, special counsel, announced today at the resumption of the commission's inquiry. A flat admission that J. Ogden Armour and F. H. Prince own the Chicago Stockyards Company, controlling the Chicago stockyards and the terminal railroads, was made by W. M. Wadden, former treasurer of the company. Although the stock appears in the name of Frank R. Pegram, secretary of the committee, Mr. Wadden said he knew who the real owners were.

The Transportation Problem.
Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson will send a message to congress recommending the enactment of legislation to meet the transportation situation immediately after the holiday recess. Until it has been received, the president today requested that the interstate commerce committee withhold making any investigation as provided under the Cummins resolution.

Reason for Slow Progress.
Washington, Dec. 21.—The navy's utilization of much of the country's shipbuilding facilities was cited by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board before the senate investigating committee today as one reason for the slow progress of merchant ship construction.

Three Aviators Killed.
Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 21.—Three British aviators in training at Wing No. 3 were killed this morning when their machines collided in the air. Two of the men were in one machine and one in the second. The collision occurred at a low altitude and less than half a mile from the landing place.

FORTY-SEVEN DEAD IN BIG TRAIN WRECK

FAST EXPRESS CRASHED INTO LOCAL PASSENGER TRAIN MAKING KINDLING WOOD OF IT.

By Associated Press.
Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 21.—The death toll taken last night when a Louisville and Nashville passenger train from Cincinnati to New Orleans crashed into the rear end of a Louisville, Bardonia and Springfield accommodation train a few hundred feet south of the railway station here, had reached 47 today. The fast train crashed into the local, making kindling wood of two wooden passenger coaches it carried. The blame for the wreck has not yet been established.

BANDITS ROBBED BANK.

By Associated Press.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 21.—Three masked bandits today entered the People's State State Bank at Seven Corners, a busy downtown district, locked the president and two employees in the bank, seized \$5,500 in cash, stepped out to the curb where two unsuspecting policemen stood chatting and escaped in an automobile.

STRAIGHTEN THAT BENT BACK.

No need to suffer from that tired, dead ache in year back, that lameness, those distressing urinary disorders. Laredo people have found how to get relief. Follow this Laredo resident's example.
E. T. Ramon, merchant, 1619 Lincoln St., says: "I have suffered from attacks of backache for some time. I have had dull throbbing pains through my kidneys, so I couldn't stoop or straighten up without suffering greatly. When one of those attacks has come on, I have used Doan's Kidney Pills and they have never failed to remove the trouble. Doan's relieve the pain and make me feel better generally."
Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Ramon had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

FEDERALS BATTLE WITH VILLISTAS

MEXICAN CONSUL GENERAL RECEIVES REPORT OF FIGHT AT CUCHILLO PARADO, SOUTH OF PRESIDIO.

By Associated Press.
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 21.—Consul General Andres Garcia received an official report today from Vice Consul Bengoechea at Presidio, Texas, giving information of a battle which occurred Wednesday afternoon between federal forces under General Pedro Favala and Villa followers commanded by Hefonso Sanchez, near Cuchillo Parado, 60 miles south of Presidio.

TO REGISTER BIRTHS.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, Dec. 21.—In order to provide a permanent record of age, parentage and citizenship of those born prior to 1905, Dr. W. A. David, head of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, has announced that the bureau will accept any certificate where a birth has not been recorded and will preserve it for future reference. This is considered a war measure by Mr. Davis, who declares that "common justice demands that the exact age of every man be stated and that no slacker be allowed to shirk military duty by misstating his age."

PHILADELPHIA TO HEAR GERARD.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21.—The New England Society of Pennsylvania has concluded elaborate arrangements for its annual banquet to be given tomorrow night. The chief speakers of the evening will be James W. Gerard, former American ambassador at Berlin, and Irvin Cobb, the humorist and war correspondent.

INTERCOLLEGIATE CHESS TOURNAMENT.

New York, Dec. 21.—Play in the annual intercollegiate four-board chess tournament between Yale, Harvard, Princeton, and Columbia began in this city today and will continue tomorrow and Saturday. The four colleges have sent their most skillful experts to the tournament and some close competitions are expected before the play is concluded.

SCHOOLS TAKE LONG VACATION.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—For the children of Cleveland, and especially the boys, even the present famine has its rosy side. Today all of the elementary schools of the city were closed and will remain closed for at least one month, exclusive of the regular Christmas vacation, owing to the shortage of fuel to heat the buildings. For the present the high schools will remain open, provided enough coal can be obtained to heat them.

WYOMING TO ORGANIZE BOY POWER.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 21.—The boy power of Wyoming, which was engaged during the past summer in helping man power in the fields and mines of the State, is to be mobilized more completely next summer. State Labor Commissioner Taylor, acting under directions from Washington, has sent a written request this week to all school principals to supply him with the names of the boys who last summer did at least three weeks' useful work. They will be organized next summer into what will be known as the Boys' Agricultural Unit or the Boys' Industrial Unit, depending upon whether they pledge themselves to work 36 or 60 days during the summer.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take which is important when must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c per month.

From Saturday's Daily.

A SAVING CHRISTMAS.

Perhaps not since the Civil War has there been such a tendency to make fewer Christmas presents, and then only of the useful variety, as this year.

It is the first Christmas since we entered the war, and many have been the problems of the "folks at home" as to the sort of presents they should send to the boys in the field or in training camps.

Many people of limited means have already given all they could spare to the knitting circles, to the Red Cross activities of one sort or another or have invested their money in Liberty Bonds, and the result is that they find themselves unable to do much in the way of Christmas, at least as it has been observed in past years.

It is well that the people's ideas have been turned from the beaten paths this year. We were becoming too snugly content with ourselves and "the station in life to which God had called us." We felt that all that was necessary to properly celebrate Christmas was to make a few perfunctory gifts, buy a turkey and call it square.

The real spirit back of Christmas was lost upon most of us. We failed to realize that the greatest gift of all—the gift of self—was missing from our Christmas lists. We simply gave what mere money could buy and let the rest go.

But this year the people have been purified as by fire, and the dross of selfishness, of perfunctoriness, of giving for what we expected in return, has been skimmed from the melting pot in which human passions have been burned away and only the real humanity has been left, a precious ingot worthy of offering to the Christ Child.

The suffering of the people in the war zone has been brought nearer to us, simply because our best and dearest have gone to fight for the world's peace. We know not what any hour may bring forth, and every knock at the door brings a chill of dread.

We feel for those who have lost their husbands, sons and brothers simply because we fear that any moment may bring the news of the death of our brave ones who felt that their country called them. The silent crosses in France speak a language more eloquent than any tongue of man.

So the Christmas this year will be a different Christmas from those of past years. It will be a better Christmas, because from it will have been washed the stain of selfishness and of self-seeking. The sacrifices that have been made will never be known until the judgment book is unrolled. The abnegation of the women and children of the United States will never be discovered until the shining characters written on the Book of Life shall be read by all.

There is less of tinsel, less of garish light, less of brazen trumpets and of clashing cymbals about this Christmas. There is an absence of the cheer with which we welcomed the dawn that told the world of a Saviour born in Bethlehem. But within there is a hope that this Christmas will be the last which shall dawn upon a world stamped under the heel of Mars. The Saviour who said: "I come not to bring peace, but a sword," will help to beat that sword into a plowshare.

So we try Christmastide to show our appreciation of our loved ones, not necessarily by costly gifts, but by the greatest gift of all, the gift of self and the sacrifice of selfishness; by the gift of service and devotion to an ideal—the love of country and of freedom which marks the true Christian. The Red Cross has benefitted from this Christmas, so different from others. The war fund has profited, as have also the various activities which are doing their humble share in keeping the soldier clean and manly. The Christmas which has less of wassail and more of worship is nearer to the Christmas which was intended to commemorate the birth of a Saviour for a sin-sick world.

And even the children are beginning to see a difference in this Christmas. The child who asks for a "Red Cross Nurse doll" is learning something different from past years.

CHANGING OUR SYSTEM.

One thing the war may bring to this country is a change in our system by which men are appointed to control our army and navy simply because they have been of great importance in a national election and in addition are believed to be possessed of "executive ability."

No greater mistake in the world could possibly be made than that of placing men in control of things which they do not understand. Can anyone imagine a Standard Oil official being given a high executive position merely because he voted for a certain man on the board of directors, regardless of his knowledge of the business? Would a railroad succeed with a lawyer or a legislator as president when he had absolutely no knowledge of the railroad business?

The conduct of the war depends upon the skillful handling of our men in the field and aboard the ships, as well as upon the proper handling of the quartermaster and commissary departments. A man who has successfully conducted a string of news-
papers may be a very good business man but is that any qualification for

deciding on the plans for a battleship, or of settling the question of which is the more important in modern naval strategy, a dreadnaught or a submarine?

General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, in a recent recommendation to the president, declared that the war department should be reorganized with the idea of placing important details directly in charge of a trained army officer.

Gen. Scott also suggested that congress examine the question of staff control of the army in a spirit "freed from every touch of personal interest or prejudice." This would seem to be called for by the fact that recently when promotions were made Gen. Scott himself was passed and officers several years his junior, with a lesser record of achievements and much fewer years of experience, were promoted over his head, one of them to the rank of general, a rank which has not been conferred for many years.

The main trouble with our army has been that, like all our other institutions, it is absolutely dependent upon politics, and not always nice, clean politics, at that. The result has been that many officers who desire promotion have had to devote much of their spare time and not a little effort in getting in touch with the men of political influence in order that they might not be forgotten when the plums were given out.

In the Spanish War a man of markedly inferior ability was given the command of the expedition to Cuba, while the commanding general of the army, a successful soldier, one whose record was filled with achievements, was sidetracked, for purely political reasons.

The secretary of war—as well as that of the navy—has to be chosen from the loyal friends of the successful candidate for president. It matters not that he may not know the difference between a howitzer and a machine gun; he is fitted for the post because he showed "executive ability" in campaigning for his chief prior to the elections.

We are perhaps the only country in the world that selects a layman for a highly technical position. We are the only people who permit efficient officers to be set aside and their recommendations ignored for purely political reasons. There is not another nation in the world which would permit a senator to push the interests of his son-in-law or some other relative when it comes to selecting the proper man for high military rank.

The Civil War brought out many politically appointed army officers whose incompetency was shown in an unmistakable manner. It is to the credit of President Lincoln that they did not long remain in positions which they could not fill.

The reorganization of our war and navy departments may be brought about by the war, although naturally the congressmen will fight for their privileges to the last ditch. But the people are becoming tired of lay incompetency when the situation calls for high technical expertise.

The Chicago speculators once again got in their deadly work when a rumor was circulated that the embargo on eastbound shipments of corn and oats was to be removed, as well as the maximum price of corn. The resultant increase in the prices spells hardship for many millions of people, and the government should intern these enemies as soon as possible.

THE XMAS ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN FOR POOR CHILDREN

Ladies in Charge Will Distribute Clothes and Other Gifts to Poor Children on Christmas Day.

A number of Christmas entertainments are planned for the children of the city on or about Christmas, but perhaps the most praiseworthy and deserving of all will be the gift distribution at the Lincoln skating rink on Christmas forenoon, when a number of the ladies of the city will present poor children with substantial gifts in the way of clothing, in addition to the regular gifts of toys, candies and other remembrances.

To alleviate the condition of the poor on this gladtime occasion is one of the most sublime acts within the power of those able to do so, for these little children, scantily clad and meagerly fed throughout the year, depend upon the charity of those who are well supplied with this world's goods to help them, and giving to the deserving poor is charity exemplified in its strongest form. The ladies who are giving this entertainment for the poor children ask that all those who have children's clothes that they can spare from the needs of their own families to send them to 915 Zaragoza street, and they will be distributed on Christmas day where they will do a great amount of good and make some poor little child happy and to realize that Santa has not forgotten them.

Attention!

Sir Knights of Malta Commandery No. 32, K. T. You will assemble in the Asylum at 10:30 o'clock, Tuesday Morning, Dec. 25th, for Christmas Observance. Sojourning Sir Knights are cordially invited to participate with us.

By order of the Commander,
W. H. MIMS, Recorder.
12-22-21.

DEATH OF MRS. T. E. CAMPBELL IN LAREDO THIS MORNING

Was Member of Former Prominent Family of Laredo and Came Here for Medical Treatment 6 Months Ago.

The angel of death this morning claimed the soul of Mrs. T. E. Campbell, a member of the old-time and highly respected Morton family who formerly made their home in Laredo and were among the most prominent residents of this city. Mrs. Campbell passed away at the Mercy Hospital here this morning at 5:15 o'clock following a long illness, and for the past six months being confined in the hospital here undergoing treatment.

Deceased was a native of Sabinal, Hidalgo, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and was aged 49 years. She was the widow of the late T. E. Campbell, who died in this city 23 years ago. Of recent years the family have made their home in Mexico. Six months ago Mrs. Campbell was brought to Laredo for medical treatment, but all that medical skill and loving hands could do was in vain, and this morning the patient suffered closed her eyes in eternal sleep. Deceased is survived by three sons, Eduardo, Enrique and Morton, also four sisters, Mrs. A. Meza of Houston, Mrs. J. C. Seymour of El Paso, Mrs. I. Rosenbaum of Laredo, and Mrs. L. T. Rogers of Fort Worth; also five brothers, Jorge, Enrique, Carlos, Jose and Luis Morton, all of whom are well and favorably known in Laredo and who have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

The funeral takes place from the Convery undertaking parlors to the Catholic cemetery this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and the remains will be laid to rest by the side of those of her life companion who preceded her to the world beyond many years ago.

A Warning.

The public is hereby warned that no firing of cannon crackers or fire arms will be tolerated during the holidays and anyone caught violating this warning will be arrested and severely dealt with.

M. BRENNAN,
City Marshal.
12-15-74.

MANY REMAIN UNDELIVERED AND ADDRESSES ARE WANTED

Many Questionnaires Mailed Out by Exemption Board Remain Undelivered and Addresses Are Requested.

Another lot of questionnaires mailed out by the exemption board remained undelivered and the postmaster and members of the board are anxious to ascertain the addresses of the parties, they being the following: Manuel Allen, 1502 Sta. Maria Ave. Felipe Alvarado, San Juan Farm. Alberto Arizola, Joyce, Texas. Francisco Camarillo, 815 Farragut St.

Mario Cantu, 1018 Flores Ave. Juan Castañeda, Isitas, Texas. Jose Castillo, Garfield St. Juan Castillo, Armengol Rope Factory.

Arnulfo Contreras, 1818 Zaragoza St. Genaro Delgado, 1818 Zaragoza St. Leonardo Flores, 703 San Agustin Ave.

Benjamin Franco, 1414 Lincoln St. Juan Gallegos, 316 Grant St. Crescencio Garcia, 901 Hidalgo St. Demetrio Garcia, Sta. Ursula and Coke St.

Lazaro Garcia, Aguilares, Texas. Rafael Garcia, Sta. Cloilde Ave. Julio Gomez, 1812 Victoria St. Rinaldo Garza, 1502 Hidalgo St. Ignacio Gonzales, Front I. & G. N. Depot east.

Agustin Jaime, San Agustin Ave. Tomas Leguena, Sanchez St. Manuel L. Maldonado, 8 Zaragoza St.

Arturo Martinez, 1805 Lincoln St. Leandro Medina, Water St. Oscar Moyano, 318 Sta. Maria Ave.

Leon Olivares, 1805 Ursula St. Jose Orozco, 801 Grant St. Conrado Palacios, 802 Sta. Ursula Ave.

Felix Palacios, 1704 San Dario Ave. Julian Puebla, 1208 Washington St. Miguel Quiroga, 602 Main Ave.

Francisco Ramirez, 403 San Francisco Ave. Antonio Ruiz, 1519 Davis Ave. Jose R. Sanchez, Market Stand.

Amado Sandoval, 312 San Francisco Ave. Emilio Serrano, 519 San Agustin Ave.

Eusebio Solis, Main Ave. Domingo Sanchez, Park and Sta. Cloilde.

Nemerio Vela, 120 San Eduardo Ave. Miguel A. Verluzco, 602 Main Ave.

Four of former list have shown up since previous publication. Those who have questionnaires should be careful to answer questions properly. All American citizens should fill out citizenship blank fully.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness, Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

LAREDO PEOPLE RESPOND PROMPTLY TO RED CROSS

Committees Feel Confident That the Goal of 2,500 Members in This County Will Be Reached Soon.

Yuletide is now close at hand and the world is all preparing on Christmas to make happy

those ones who are near and dear to them. Many of our brave soldier boys are absent from homes they left to prepare for a grim duty overseas to make those they leave behind feel safe and secure

from the injustice which would follow the invasion of this country by the Kaiser and his followers

We Must Win This War. JOIN THE RED CROSS NOW.

The above is the symbol of patriotism—of an organization that is doing noble deeds for the soldiers on the battlefields and in the hospitals and who will take care of "our boys" when they need help "over there." Incidentally the base formed to the cross above shows what will eventually happen if the Red Cross gets the support it deserves—be the Nemesis of justice at the grave of the Hun.

MEMBERSHIP NOW GROWING AND GOAL WILL BE REACHED

Red Cross Drive in Laredo is Netting Excellent Results and Laredo People Enrolling as Members.

Up to the time they finished work yesterday afternoon, the committees soliciting for members to the Laredo chapter of the Red Cross felt very much encouraged, as the efforts exerted during the day had resulted in approximately four hundred members being added and the total members enrolled up to last night were estimated at about 1,500. With the goal set at 2,500 a total of about one thousand members were lacking to reach the number set.

A noticeable feature about the work of the committees is the fact that they have met with loyal support at the hands of the Mexican-Americans of Laredo, as all who have been approached enrolled as members and paid their annual dues of one dollar. Soliciting especially for Mexican-American members is to be vigorously pushed during the coming week, and the enthusiasm apparent among them will result in securing a large membership from that source. Red Cross membership flags are posted in homes and business houses in all parts of the city, showing the number of members of the Red Cross in that particular home or place of business.

SOLDIER BOYS COMING HOME TO SPEND THEIR CHRISTMAS

Some Arrived Yesterday and Others Will Come From Camp Bowie and Camp Travis the Next Two Days.

Sergeant Carlos Richter of the artillery, Corporal Earl Brennan, Corporal Charles Woodul, Private Charles Lang and Private Edward Brewster, of the infantry, all from Camp Bowie, were among the Laredo boys arriving yesterday to spend Christmas with their folks here. These are the "vanguard" of the numerous Laredo boys who will be here to spend the most gladtime season of the year, for more will arrive this afternoon, tomorrow and Monday.

Laredo has the former M'imo Rifles, the headquarters company of the 141st Infantry, men in the artillery and other branches at Camp Bowie, including a number of the young men who are in the national army, and fifty per cent of these will be given holiday leaves, while from Camp Travis, where the most of the men of the national army from here are stationed, many of these will come to Laredo to spend the holidays, these arriving tomorrow and Monday. It is probable that at least seventy-five of "our boys" in khaki will be here to eat their Christmas dinner with the folks at home.

Among the Laredo soldier boys coming in this morning were the following: Sergeant Henry Burr, Sergeant George Hodges, Corporal Miguel Barrera, Privates Wallace Dollmer, Joe Salinas, Charles Tannenbaum, Jesus Jimenez and Emilio Arevalos, from Camp Bowie, and Private Matt Capra from Camp Travis. Many others will come in this afternoon.

Notice. The annual meeting of the shareholders of The First State Bank & Trust Company of Laredo, will be held in the banking rooms of said institution, on Tuesday, January 1, 1918, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it.

L. A. LAFON, Secretary.

Notice to the Public. On and after December first, Mr. M. M. Holland will be with the Border Foundry and Machine Co. We will be in a position to handle outside engine and pump work; also automobile and truck work. Oxygen acetylene welding and cutting. We will do our best to please you.

CON MIMS, Manager.
11-24-21.

SOCIETY Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeld Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday. The Officers and ladies at Fort McIntosh will have their regular weekly hop at the 37th Infantry Club in the evening.

Sunday. The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will meet at the church at 6:30 in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church will hold its regular weekly meeting at the church at 6:45 in the evening.

The B. Y. P. U. Senior and Junior will hold their regular weekly meeting at the Creath Memorial Baptist Church, at 6:45 in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor of the Christian Church will meet at the church at 7:00 in the evening.

Monday. The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Carol Singers will meet promptly at Elks' Hall at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Dance at the Lati-American in the evening.

Dance at the 37th Infantry Club in the evening.

General Mention.

Miss Jo Gray left on the noon train for Austin to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Tomasita Guerra arrived today from Darwin to spend the holidays at home.

John Andrew Thaison left yesterday for Rio Grande City to spend the holidays with his mother.

Miss Margaret MacGregor arrived from San Antonio this morning to spend the holidays.

The following card was received this morning from Mrs. M. F. Eltit: "I am ever thinking of my good, kind friends in Laredo. Greetings to all."

James and Philip Moore arrived from San Marcos this morning to spend the holidays.

Will Austin arrived from Austin this morning to visit his parents.

Miss Daniels arrived yesterday from the Mines to spend the holidays with her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Vidaurri have moved into their new home on the Heights.

Miss Grace Lang arrived yesterday from Dolores, to spend the holidays at home.

Aurelio and Vicente Ferrara returned yesterday from school, to spend the holidays.

Mr. A. C. Hamilton will leave for San Antonio today to bring his mother, Mrs. Kate Hamilton, here for Christmas.

Among those who will arrive today from Santo Tomas to spend the holidays are Misses Helen MacGregor, Anita Yeager and Dolly Churchill.

Miss Olivette Landrum has arrived from Belton to spend Christmas at home.

Miss Katherine Linn has gone to Bay City to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. R. R. Wilkes and little son have gone to San Antonio to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Esther Hirsch has returned after an absence of several months.

Announcements.

There will be a Christmas dinner-dance at the Hamilton Hotel at 8 o'clock in the evening. Special features planned.

The Married Ladies Dancing Club will entertain with a dance on Thursday evening, December 27th, at Elks Hall.

Red Cross Notes.

The Carol Singers will assemble at Elks' Hall promptly at 7 o'clock on Monday evening, for the processional.

All members of the Red Cross who have costumes, even if they do not sing, are cordially invited to join the Christmas Carol Singers on Christmas Eve night. Those taking part will congregate at the Red Cross Headquarters at Elks Hall on Christmas Eve at 7:15 o'clock in the evening. The processional will be headed by a number of Boy Scouts as torch bearers, and the 37th Infantry Band will furnish the music. The line of march will be: South on Salinas Ave. to Hidalgo; east on Hidalgo to Flores Ave.; thence south to City Hall, returning north on Flores Ave. to Farragut street; west on Farragut to

Jarvis Plaza; circle the plaza, then in autos to the Army Post.

The Red Cross Surgical room will be closed until Thursday afternoon, December 27th, when it will be open with Mesdames Hamlin and H. G. Earnest in charge.

The Red Cross Surgical room would appreciate Christmas gifts in the shape of scissors, tape measures or alcohol. Several gifts have already been donated, and any remembrance would be very much appreciated.

Announcement.

The pupils and teachers of the High School entertained most delightfully yesterday afternoon with a reception complimenting the parents and friends. The entire building was most attractively arranged and the Christmas note was observed in all decoration. Quantities of potted ferns were effectively used in the reception room where the guests were greeted by Miss Kate Tarver, Mrs. Wilmer Threadgill, Miss Helen Richter, and the members of the senior class, Misses Cecilia Leyendecker, Emily Morriswater, Sue Brennan, Vida Bunn, Kenneth Hamilton and Ernest Buech.

The Library was beautifully decorated in scarlet geraniums and ferns, and delicious punch was served by Misses Willie Belle Brennan, Ruth Netzer, Eligia Quintanilla, Laura Taylor, Margaret French, St. Elmo Trout and Shelby Cutilla.

The auditorium was gay with real Christmas holly, mistletoe and ferns. A beautiful program was rendered, the following pupils taking part: Miss Laura Taylor, Miss Virginia Penn, Miss Veda Bunn, Miss Cecilia Leyendecker, Ovid Shanks, Victor Sauvignat, Harry Bradley and Ernest Bauenz. Choruses by the school finished the delightful entertainment.

The boys in uniform served as guides in different parts of the building to assist the guests in finding the various rooms. The High School girls assisted very materially in dispensing the hospitality of the occasion.

Holding Institute Notes.

Holding Institute closed its fall session Friday for the holidays. Everything has been very prosperous for the school this term. The winter opening promises many new faces. The Music Department gave its annual recital Wednesday night; all numbers were high class and were well rendered. Much praise was given both teachers and students. The Christmas entertainment was given Thursday night, the program, the prophecy and its fulfillment, were beautifully rendered by the children. The boys taking the Prophet's role played their parts well. Miss Amada Fuentes, who impersonated the hungry, starving children of Armenia, making a most heart-rending appeal for them, deserves much praise. The tableaux of the "Manger Scene" and the "Shepherds Watching Their Flocks by Night" was certainly good. The whole program was delightful and was enjoyed by those present.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner were at home to the faculty of Holding Institute Friday night, honoring Miss L. Davis of Wheeling, West Virginia, and Miss Teresa McClure of Fulton, Missouri. The other out-of-town guests were Miss Barstow of New York City and Captain Fred Skinner of the Stanton Military Academy. The parlors were decorated in Christmas colors and the festive spirit was manifested throughout the evening. Delicious ices were served.

Rev. L. B. Newberry of Guadalajara, Mexico, was a guest at Holding Institute Friday.

Miss Teresa McClure arrived Friday morning from Fulton, Missouri, to spend the holidays with her sister, Miss Linnie McClure, at Holding Institute.

Urbahn School Tree.

The children of Urbahn school chart grade were given a delightful Christmas tree yesterday afternoon, the teachers and the older pupils assisting Santa Claus in distributing the gifts. Candy was given to each of the 500 children of the school, while the little ones received gifts from the tree. The children of the third grade had a fancy-work display, which enabled them to exhibit the proficiency they had attained in this work. The following program was given:

Song, Second Grade
Christmas Recitation, First Grade
Recitation, Francisco Flores
Song, Chart Class
Recitation, First Grade
Dance, Anne McKinney,
Ethel Lane, Elizabeth Nye, Virginia Boyette, Vivia Schmitt and Josephine Daiches.
Recitation, Marian Jackson
Song, First Grade
Recitation, Rosalie Wormser
Song, Sixth and Seventh Grades
Recitation, Celeste Hamilton
Song, Third Grade
Recitation, Dorothy Borchers
Song, Fourth Grade
Recitation, Molly Schwartzmann
Song, Fifth Grade

Christmas Entertainment.

The Sunday School of the Christian church will have its Christmas entertainment tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. There will be a program of special Christmas music and the usual Christmas gifts will be made to the children.

LITTLE LOCALS

Many people who fail to get their stockings filled with good things to eat will at least have the consolation of having them filled with feet—that is, if they have the stockings to fill. There are many, though, who will be without stockings for Christmas, for there are many poor who can not afford to wear foot protectors.

The auction sale at the customhouse this morning during which a lot of Mexican cigars, cigarettes, drawwork, etc., seized by customs officials for non-payment of duties were sold, was largely attended. Some lively bidding resulted and all the seized goods were disposed of at fairly good prices.

The cloudy weather still continues to hang on, but indications are favorable for the old-time ideal weather for Christmas. And with most of the soldier boys home to spend Christmas the day will not be so bad after all.

Most of Laredo's business establishments are keeping late hours of night now to accommodate belated purchasers of holiday goods. These places of business will be open until late tonight and also on Monday night. It is requested that all who can do so make their purchases during the day Monday and not wait until night and cause much unnecessary rush and confusion among clerks.

Second Lieutenant Ed. J. Moser and Sergeant George Lang are two of the Laredo soldier boys who will be unable to spend Christmas at home. Lieut. Moser is a very busy man and still has charge of the affairs of regimental sergeant-major, while Sergeant Lang is in the Camp Bowie postoffice and that department is the busiest of all places at this time.

PERSONALS

BENDER:—Miss M. Barstow, E. Heyman, San Antonio; C. H. Knight, T. R. Gutierrez, Mexico City; J. J. Sexton, San Luis Potosi; J. C. Rust, W. A. McTavish, William McEvery, Joseph E. Tarrill, San Antonio; Miss F. A. Baker, Dallas; Robert Key and wife, Marshall; F. M. Triplett, J. F. Bunt, William Kissing, C. A. Waller, Tulsa, Okla.; D. J. Moran, San Antonio.

HAMILTON:—Jose G. Hernandez, Mexico City; J. R. Alexander, Tyler; A. H. Danly, Ranch; Rudolph Mudd, San Antonio; T. B. Hackenberger, Felipe Llera and wife, Mexico City; W. Y. Loize, San Francisco, Cal.; L. Hostetter, Hermosillo, Sonora; E. J. Parkinson, Luz F. Vda. de Buxo, Mexico City.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 22.
1789—Levi Woodbury, who, as Secretary of the Treasury, established the independent treasury system, born at Framcestown, N. H. Died at Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 4, 1851.
1807—United States Congress passed an Embargo Act, prohibiting commercial intercourse with foreign countries.
1824—Congress voted to Lafayette \$200,000 and a township of land in any part of the United States he might select.
1847—Adolf Kader, general of the Algerians, defeated and captured by the French.
1849—Howell Cobb, of Georgia, was elected Speaker of the national house of representatives on the 64th ballot.
1864—General Sherman, after taking possession of Savannah, seized 35,000 bales of cotton as a prize of war.
1880—George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans) famous English novelist, died. Born Nov. 22, 1819.
1882—Sir Evelyn Wood, appointed commander of the new Egyptian army, arrived at Cairo.
1891—Traffic throughout England was generally suspended by a dense fog which lasted four days.
THE WAR:—
1914—Russians in terrific battle held the Germans at the Baura River.
1915—Greek premier announced that Allies refused to comply with Greek plan to force the Dardanelles.
1916—Ambassador Gerard explained President's peace move to German foreign minister.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation. Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

dren, who are also asked to bring something for those less fortunate. The offering will be for the Armenian and Syrian orphans.